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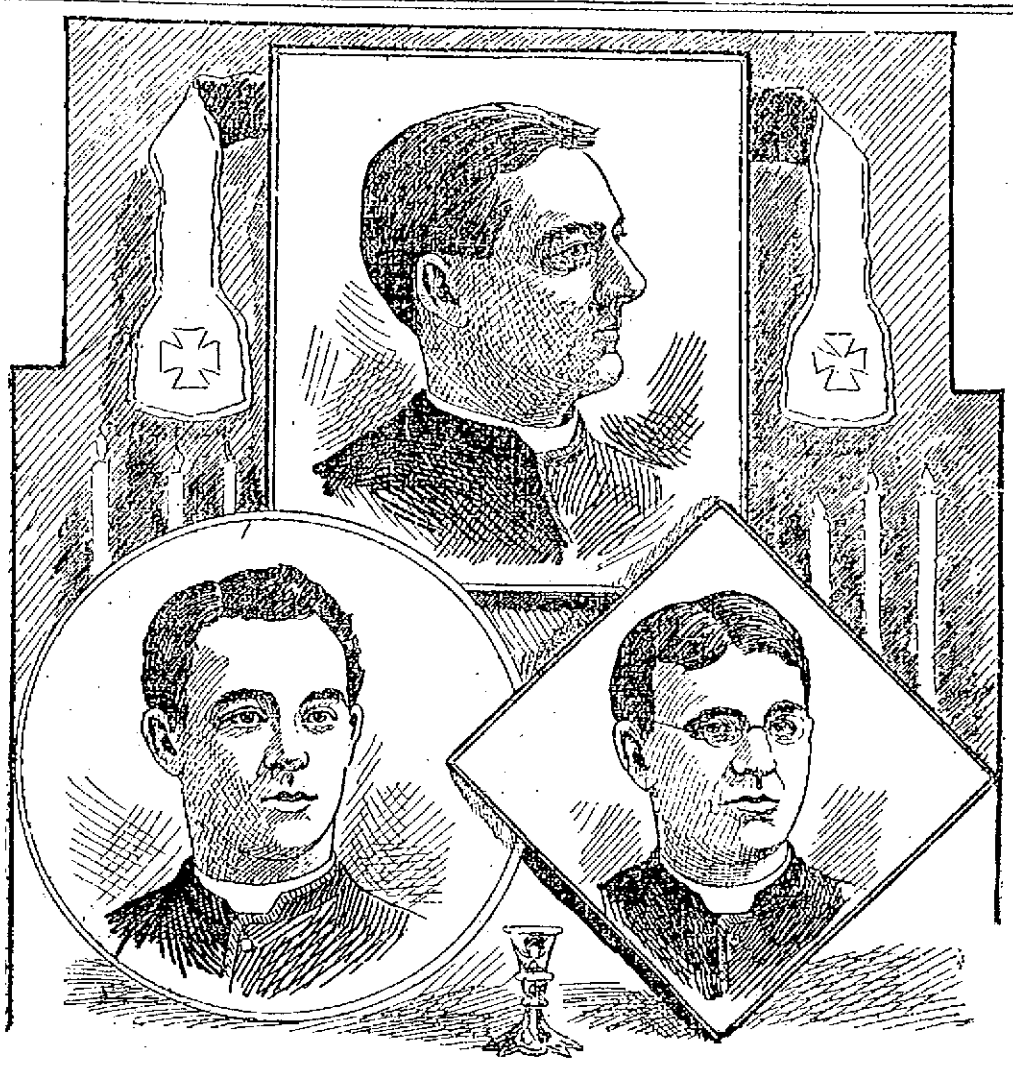

REV. JOHN J. O'HEARN. REV. WILLIAM FINNICK. REV. THOS. P. McMANMON.

YOUNG PRIESTS

Three Lowell Boys Were Ordained Today

ALL ATTENDED ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Many Lowell People Present at the Service

Three young men of this city were ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston today. They are Rev. Thomas P. McManmon, Rev. John O'Hearn and Rev. W. Finnick. The latter is a resident of East Chelmsford, but through his associations and connections here has always been recognized as a Lowell boy.

At today's ceremony 25 young levites, students of St. John's seminary, Brighton, were elevated to the priesthood. Archbishop Williams officiated and was assisted by the president and officers of the seminary. Many clergymen from every section of the archdiocese also assisted at the ceremony. The three young priests who claim Lowell as their home, were schoolmates in boyhood's days. Their early education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school, of which institution Rev. Fr. Finnick and Rev. Fr. O'Hearn are graduates. After their graduation they went to Holy Cross College, where they completed the prescribed course and then entered St. John's seminary, Brighton. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn is a son of Mrs. Ellen O'Hearn, who resides at the corner of Westford and Bayles streets. One of his brothers is Rev. James Walsh of Ayer Junction, and another brother, Daniel O'Hearn, is a medical student. Miss Ella O'Hearn, a teacher in the public schools, is a sister of the young priest. His father, the late Cornelius O'Hearn, was previous to his death, one of the leading spirits of St. Patrick's parish. Fr. O'Hearn was a sanctuary boy at St. Patrick's previous to entering Holy Cross college. He is 25 years of age.

Rev. William H. Finnick is a native of East Chelmsford, where he was born 26 years ago. His family is one of the most respected in that town. As a boy he made the journey from his home to St. Patrick's school and return every day for several years in his efforts to equip himself as well as he possibly could. At this school and at Holy Cross college he was a model pupil, his quiet, agreeable disposition gaining him friends on all sides. He was a studious young man and always stood well in his class. He was persistent and persevering, never becoming discouraged, and it is due to these qualities that he has earned the success that is now his. Fr. Finnick many friends, particularly those who were his schoolmates, look to a bright future for the young priest.

Rev. Thomas P. McManmon resided with his parents at 57 Second avenue, Pawtucketville, previous to entering college. His elementary education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school and later he entered St. Joseph's college in Canada and completed the classical course. Since his graduation he has been preparing for the priesthood at St. John's seminary, Brighton. He is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Mayo 25 years ago, and has resided in this country since he was 11 years of age.

He is a brother of James McManmon, the florist, and selectman of the town of Dracut.

Quite a number of Lowell people went to Boston today to witness the ceremony of administering the sacrament of holy orders to the candidates. The party was made up of parents, friends and relatives of the young clergy.

The three priests will come to this city tomorrow evening.

Rev. Fr. McManmon will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church at 10.30 Sunday morning. He will preach at the high mass at the same church Christmas day. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church on Christmas day and Rev. Fr. Finnick will be celebrant of the high mass at the Sacred Heart church Christmas day.

SERIES OF LECTURES

TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BURKE INSTITUTE.

It is the intention of the literary committee of the Burke Temperance Institute to arrange a series of lectures to be given at Burkes' Hall on every other Tuesday evening. The date of the first lecture has not been named yet, but the lecturer will be Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., the well known lawyer. It is not known what his subject will be, but it is needless to say that it will be an interesting one.

You may not have thought of these for a Christmas Gift. Allow us to suggest:

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THE THORPE CASE

On Trial in Police Court Today

JUDGE HADLEY AND LAWYER DONAHUE

Engage in a Heated Argument

Only two arrests were made for drunkenness yesterday. They were Patrick H. Murphy and Maria Richardson. They were arraigned before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

Both were first offenders. Murphy was fined $5, while the woman got off easier, being taxed only $3.

The continued case of Frank Thorpe charged with drunkenness, was tried. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty and had D. J. Donahue, Esq., for counsel.

Thorpe, it will be remembered, was before the court last Saturday, charged with being a common drunkard. He was found guilty by the court and sentenced six months to jail. Thorpe appealed and secured bail. He was rearrested Saturday night in a barber shop on Lakeview avenue about six o'clock by Officer Lennon who claimed the defendant was intoxicated. Officers Libby and Sparks assisted Officer Lennon in making the arrest.

Officer Libby also testified that Thorpe was intoxicated.

This closed the government's case, and the defence was then heard. A number of witnesses were sworn. Thorpe was the first to testify. He denied drinking any liquor at all Saturday. He claimed he was under the influence of morphine when arrested. He showed a prescription he received from Dr. Poole. Defendant said it was for morphine and he also showed a bottle to the court, which he claimed contained the morphine. He said he got the bottle at Dennis O'Brien's drug store but the court refused to admit this as evidence unless the pharmacist was brought into court and testify that the bottle contained morphine. The court refused to take Thorpe's word as proof that it was morphine.

A hot discussion followed on this point between His Honor and Lawyer Donahue, but the court would not admit Thorpe's testimony that the bottle contained morphine. He said the pharmacist who prepared the prescription would have to testify before he would be satisfied that the bottle contained morphine. The case was at length rested and the druggist was sent for.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, was again continued, this time till Wednesday next.

The case of Lindsey Bennett, a juvenile, charged with larceny, was continued one week for trial.

Maurice Goodman, charged with peddling without a license, was fined $10.

STREET INSPECTOR

FOR THE LOWELL & SUBURBAN STREET RAILWAY CO.

The Lowell & Suburban street railway company now has a street inspector. Thomas Kennedy, formerly in the employ of Elias McQuade of Market street and more recently employed in Lawrence, has been appointed to the new position by Manager Woodman of the street railway company, and he began his new duties Wednesday.

SMITH IS DEAD

"SILVER DOLLAR" PASSED AWAY TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, for many years a prominent East Side politician, died today at his home in this city.

MURDER IN NATICK

Miss Morse Shot and Killed Lewis Perry

To Prevent Him Entering Her Home—He Was a Veteran of the Spanish War — The Circumstances of the Tragedy

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NATICK, Mass., Dec. 22.—Lewis Perry, a Spanish war veteran, who came to this city about two years ago and engaged employment with the Dennison Manufacturing company of South Framingham, was shot and almost instantly killed this afternoon by Miss Lizzie Morse at her home in West Natick. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the left breast, which pierced the heart, and the second leaden missile penetrated the stomach. Miss Morse was shortly afterward placed under arrest and claims that the circumstances justified her in shooting down Perry.

Perry was about 33 years of age, and in company with Arnold Stappen, who is about 35 years of age, both of whom are married, left their homes on Speen street with their bicycles about one o'clock this morning. Miss Lizzie Morse, the alleged murderess, and the members of their family claim that Perry and Stappen arrived at their house at about 1.30 o'clock and demanded admittance without stating their business. The Morse homestead is one of the most prominent in this section of the state and contains a large family, all of whom are highly respected by the community. When Perry and Stappen arrived at the house the occupants consisted of Mrs. Willard Morse, about 80 years of age, and Miss Electra Morse, 48; Miss Lizzie Morse, 38; Willard W. Morse, 48, and Rufus D. Morse, 40, children of Mrs. Willard Morse. The two sons have been in poor health and remained on the farm with their mother and sisters to assist them as far as their health would permit. While they were engaged at their labors in the barn, it is claimed, the two men arrived at the house on their wheels and demanded admission to the house, and upon being refused smashed several windows when the women became alarmed and fled to another part of the premises. Miss Lizzie Morse, who is the younger of the daughters, went to the bureau drawer and loaded a 22-calibre revolver. She claims that the men went around to the front of the house, where Perry finished smashing the glass in one of the windows and climbed in in spite of her remonstrance to the contrary. After gaining an entrance he grabbed Miss Electra Morse, who was in the act of protecting herself with a croquet mallet, which was wrenched from her hands and with it Perry hit her over the head. Lizzie rushed to her assistance and informed Perry that she would shoot him if he did not leave the house. He gave her a terrific blow with the mallet and felled her to the floor.

She managed to get up and again told Perry to get out of the house, when he dared her to shoot. She then fired four shots at Perry, who managed to climb through the window and then fell dead. It is further claimed that Stappen, in the meantime had attempted to get into a window, but was prevented by Willard Morse, who had heard the noise. Stappen then threw several stones at the windows, and as Perry fell out through the window, he said to the wounded man: "Let's get out of this." Perry replied, "You can go, but I can't," and then expired. The members of the Morse family claim that Stappen then tried to get into the house, but upon being prevented he mounted his wheel and went to the West Natick engine house and telephoned for the police.

Officers Frank H. Bunker and Herman Godenoff of the Natick department responded, and Stappen was taken to the Natick lockup by Bunker. Chief Sweeney soon after arrived and placed Miss Lizzie Morse under arrest. She will remain at her house in the custody of an officer until tomorrow morning when the hearing will take place.

Medical Examiner Robbins of Framingham viewed the body and will complete his examination before the hour of the preliminary hearing in the morning. Lizzie Morse is strong in her claim that the circumstances justified her in shooting the man, and in that way was protecting herself and other members of the family. The friends of Perry say that he was a total abstainer and are unable to account for his actions during the afternoon. He came to this town from Roxbury about two years ago and last summer served in Porto Rico, being a member of Company E Sixth regiment, M. V. M. Of late he had been out of work. He was a member of the West Natick Hose company, which recently erected a new house, and was a member of the committee of arrangements of a Christmas sociable to be held in the new engine house on Saturday evening of this week. The presence of the two men at the Morse building is a mystery to those who are acquainted with them, as it is stoutly claimed that neither of them indulged in liquor.

Miss Lizzie Morse is about 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighs about 160 pounds, and is prepossessing in appearance. The revolver she used had not been discharged for 20 years.

Stappen is an insurance agent, and has resided in Natick about seven years. He has a wife and three small children.

Charles Bowen, a hired man for John Walker, who lives about one-half mile from the Morse place, informed the officers late tonight that while out on the road this afternoon in search for evergreens he was met by Perry and Stappen, who dismounted, grabbed him by the throat and demanded his money. He succeeded in making his escape and arrived at the Morse house shortly after the murder took place.

Stappen maintains that he and Perry were perfectly sober. Further than this, he is silent.

The police say that 21 panes of glass in the windows were broken by stones and that Perry, in getting through the window into the house, had to crawl over a piano. It is further claimed that Perry attempted the criminal assault on both women, on the older sister first and then on the woman who finally used the revolver to defend her honor.

Stappen, it is understood, previously said that he did not know what Perry was doing in the house and had not tried to smash any windows.

Stappen is held without bail for a hearing, while Miss Morse is under bonds. She was taken before Judge Mulligan carefully in the evening but it was thought perfectly safe to allow her to spend the night in her own home.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

A Lowell Man Run Over In Lawrence

BOTH LEGS WERE CUT OFF

He Died Two Hours Later at Hospital

It was Edward J. McArdell, aged 28 years, and not Charles, as stated yesterday in The Sun, who was killed at Lawrence. His home was at 50 West street, Centralville, but he spent most of his time out of town. He was run over by a freight train in Lawrence yesterday and received injuries from which he died at a hospital in that city a few hours later.

It appears that McArdell was walking on the tracks of the Manchester and Lawrence railroad near the Lowell street bridge. He soon discovered that a freight train was bearing down upon him, and immediately started to cross over to another track. In so doing he caught his right foot in a frog. The engineer of the freight saw the unfortunate man's predicament and quickly reversed his lever, but with the momentum of his train pushing on and the distance so short he was powerless to stop in time to save the man's life. The locomotive and several cars passed over him.

The train had hardly stopped when several of the train hands and switch tenders had rushed to his assistance. His right leg was cut off above the ankle, and the rest of the leg as far as the thigh, was fearfully mangled, while his left leg was crushed between the foot and the knee. One of the train hands hastened to the Boston & Maine freight house and telephoned for the police ambulance, and the injured man was removed as quickly as possible to the city hospital, where it was stated that the wounds were so serious that no operation would avail to save the man's life. The shock was so severe that the patient was unconscious most of the time before his death. During one of his conscious moments, he was asked if he had a wife, he nodded his head affirmatively.

The accident happened about 12 o'clock at noon, and death came at 2.15. McArdell was married and besides a wife, leaves a father and mother, one brother, John R., a clerk at 69 Merrimack street, and three sisters, Mrs. James McMahon, Misses Helen and Veravanda. The body was brought to Lowell this morning by Undertaker O'Donnell.

STRANGER HELD

AT HAVERHILL FOR LARCENY AT PLAISTOW, N. H.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—A stranger giving his name as James Tracey, was yesterday arrested by the police here and will be charged with breaking and entering a store in Plaistow, N. H. He is alleged to have sold several pairs of gloves in this city, which, it is said, were stolen from the store of John Sleeper in Plaistow.

Three other men also thought to be implicated are as yet free.

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A CRAZY EDITOR

The Daily News Scribe Shows Symptoms of Insanity

He Sees and Imagines Things That do Not Exist—Stupid Scheme to Cover up His Own Cuckooism—The Sun Shows up the Editorial Humbug

The editor of the Lowell Daily News must be crazy. At least he has been acting like a crazy man since the city election. The first symptoms of insanity in the News office came by megaphone on the night of election when they announced in the most boisterous manner that they were the only democratic paper in the city. This was taken by the people who knew them as a huge joke, but the News broke out the next day and has been showing additional symptoms of the most violent form of insanity ever since. There have been flaming announcements that The Sun was a renegade politically, that it did not support the democratic ticket in the last municipal election, and that the proprietor of The Sun is a cuckoo. Now the editor of the News knows and every one in the city knows that there is not the shadow of truth upon which to base such a statement. The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, but it has supported the entire democratic ticket ever since it was first published. We defy the editor of the News or any one else to point out one line in The Sun during the last campaign, that will warrant a single assertion that has been made by this editorial lunatic. The News no doubt has in mind the position which The Sun took over a year ago on the question whether the democracy should nominate Jeremiah Crowley for mayor. This was prior to the caucuses, and we then advised the democrats not to nominate him. We predicted that his nomination would be of no advantage to the democratic party whether he was elected or not. We gave good and sufficient reasons for our position previous to the nominating convention as we had a right to, and every statement we then made about his political antecedents was

ABSOLUTELY TRUE,

while every word of warning uttered by The Sun has since been amply justified. When Mr. Crowley was nominated we did as we always have done, we accepted the will of the democratic majority and supported the ticket. When Mr. Crowley came up for renomination this fall, The Sun had nothing to say one way or the other, but left it to the democrats in convention. When they nominated their candidates for mayor and aldermen, The Sun was the first paper to accept and endorse the will of the convention. We advised the democrats to support the ticket and sink the personal differences which we knew existed and to do their utmost for the success of the party at the polls. This we repeated several times during the campaign, and gave reasons why we believed Mr. Crowley would make a better mayor of the city than Mr. Putnam. The News conducted an entirely different kind of a campaign. It said practically nothing in favor of Crowley for there is not enough brains in the News office to write a logical article on why he should be elected. But it did branch off into the most vulgar kind of personal abuse of Mr. Putnam. It is only in personal abuse that the editor of the News has the slightest capability, and we can safely say that if the News had any influence at all in the last campaign, it simply made votes for Putnam by the

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Putnam & Son

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Honestly, aren't you puzzled to know what to give "her?"

Did you ever run up against a harder proposition?

It may be that our suggestion won't hit your case, but it's even chances that the average woman will always know what to do with a good Silk Umbrella.

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WOMEN'S TAFFETA SILK UMBRELLAS, with long mother of pearl and carved ivory handles, elegantly mounted with chased sterling silver bands and tops, or in heavy gold plate. The very newest ideas in handles, all elegant, and worth $6.00 and $7.00, for $4.95

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STOOD IN A ROW

Masked Men Rob a Kansas Train

WATCHES AND DIAMONDS TAKEN

The Robbers Escaped With Their Booty

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 21.—Details of the robbery of passengers on a Missouri Pacific train from St. Louis to Omaha by three bandits, between Leavenworth and Kansas City, Tuesday night were obtained yesterday.

The robbers boarded the train in Wyandotte, and taking possession of the sleeping car, forced the seven passengers to stand in the aisle with their hands up. The leader who was unmasked, searched the passengers for valuables, while two young men, who wore masks and manifested some nervousness kept revolvers levelled at their heads.

The conductor and porter on the car were made to stand in a corner with their hands above their heads while the robbery was in progress.

Among the persons robbed was W. R. Stewart, an auditor of the road. He says he talked with the leader of the bandits who gave him back his railroad passes and said he was such a nice man he would return him his watch as a Christmas present.

In all, five watches, three diamond rings and $500 were secured. No attempt was made to rob passengers in the other coaches. On reaching Nearman, a telegraph station, the highwaymen jumped off, took to the woods and ran to a team in waiting for them over a hill. No attempt was made by the trainmen to stop them. The leader was evidently experienced at the business. He said to a passenger who was slow in producing his watch: "Find it quickly. This is a hair trigger gun."

Special trains were run to the scene of the robbery during the night, and an attempt was made to track the robbers with bloodhounds at noon today. So far there is no clew.

W. S. Kennedy, a real estate agent, on the train, when asked about the hold-up, said:

"I was in the smoking compartment of the sleeper dozing when I was awakened by someone calling to me: 'Have you got anything?' He had a revolver and I was dazed. I pulled out my pocketbook and gave it to him when he took four silver dollars and returned a check to me, saying, 'That is no good to me.'"

COCHECO BANK

WILL PAY ITS DEPOSITORS IN FULL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21.—The depositors of the defunct Cocheco National bank are to be paid in full without the necessity of a receiver having to assess the stockholders. An order from Washington directs Receiver E. H. Carroll to pay a dividend of 25 per cent, as soon as possible. The payment of this dividend will bring the total disbursed by the receiver since the bank's failure last summer, to 100 per cent. The settlement is one of the most rapid known in the history of embarrassed banks in this state, as it generally takes from three to six years to bring about the liquidation of a crippled institution.

ARON S. CREIG

SAVED BOY FROM DROWNING YESTERDAY MORNING.

It was Aaron S. Creig of 23 Clare street who so nobly rescued little Johnnie Mack from drowning in the northern canal yesterday morning. Creig cannot swim but that fact did not deter him when he saw the youngster going down. He clung to the little fellow bravely and worked hard to keep above water until aid came to him. It was a brave act of Mr. Creig.

Everything in Inkstands at Lawler's.

FRANCE WANTS MORE ENGINES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The locomotives built and shipped some months ago by the Baldwin Works for the state railroads of France, the first American engines ever run in that country, have in the short time they have been in service, demonstrated their excellence to the entire satisfaction of the officials. As a consequence the Baldwins have received another order from the state railroads for 10 passenger locomotives of the Atlantic type with 84-inch drivers and similar in design to those in use on the Reading and Atlantic City route.

TO DEFEND MOORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SANTIAGO DE CHILI, Dec. 21.—Lawyer Allin has arrived here to defend Fred T. Moore, formerly assistant teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Boston, Mass., who was arrested in October last at Valparaiso on charges of embezzling $50,000 from the bank.

STATE BOARD

INVESTIGATING THE CASE OF DISCHARGED CUTTERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—The state board of arbitration is to visit this city December 27 and give a hearing on the difficulty at the factory of Grover & Co. All but three of the cutters were discharged for refusing to join a local union affiliated with the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union.

The firm desired the privilege of using the union stamp which was conditional on it recognition of the authority of the general body.

That men who are in rebellion against the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union lost their jobs in consequence.

CAPTAIN CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21.—As a result of the inquiry into the disaster to the British transport Ismore, which went on the rocks in St. Helena Bay, December 3, the captain has had his certificate suspended for six months.

TAMMANY MAN SENTENCED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Samuel Goldberger, a Tammany Hall election district captain, who was convicted of colonizing in the recent election, was sentenced today to two years' imprisonment in Sing Sing.

Constipation

Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion, and all liver ills are cured by

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Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

A NEW EDIFICE

Was Dedicated in Plymouth Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 21.—The members of the First church, (Unitarian) of this town, which was organized immediately after the landing of the Pilgrims here on December 21, 1620, celebrated forefathers day today by dedicating an elegant new structure which is to be the future home of the society. The members of this ancient parish are the legitimate successors, through an unbroken church organization and a continuous ministry of the little band of Separatists who met in the manor house at Scrooby in the first year of the 17th century. The history of this church is, in fact, the history of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The new building replaces one which was burned down in 1892, and is intended as a memorial of the Pilgrim Fathers and the original founders of the society, as is indicated by a handsome bronze tablet near the entrance.

The program included a chorus, "The Breaking Waves Dashed High," by Mrs. Hemans; invocation, Rev. Charles P. Lombard, pastor of the church; scripture reading, Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, Dorchester, Mass.; prayer of dedication, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Boston, and addresses by Gov. Roger Wolcott, Rev. F. G. Peabody of Harvard University, Rev. James Wells, Boston; Rev. James DeNormandie, Roxbury, and Rev. James Elliott.

POTTER ON TRIAL

COLORED BOOTBLACK ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—In the superior criminal court before Judge Hardy yesterday, was begun the trial of Warren Potter, the colored bootblack, who is charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Louis Silverstein, another bootblack. It was after 4 o'clock when the case was reached. Yesterday's proceedings lasted about half an hour, being devoted chiefly to the preliminaries, such as the selection of a jury, etc. One witness testified before adjournment.

Potter and Silverstein were employed in one of the combination cobbling and bootblack emporiums in Spring Lane. Potter appears to be about 23 years of age. He is stockily built. Silverstein was a frail Jewish boy about 17 years of age. The two became involved in an argument on the evening of Nov. 18, the day on which the Harvard-Yale football game was played, and it is said that the dispute was over the respective merits of the teams.

It is alleged by the government that Potter struck Silverstein a blow on the head with his fist which caused the little fellow's death. After the scuffle the younger boy started home apparently all right. He fell several times on the way and died next day.

Potter was held on the charge of murder by a justice in the municipal criminal court and the grand jury reduced the charge to manslaughter. John L. Sheehan is counsel for the defendant. Assistant District Attorney McLaughlin is handling the government's case. At the request of Mr. Sheehan, all witnesses, both for the defense and government, were excluded until they are wanted, the only exceptions being the medical examiner and the arresting officer.

WING'S PETITION GRANTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—In the United States district court today, Judge Lowell granted the petition of Receiver D. W. Wing of the Broadway National Bank for permission to sell to H. W. Chaplin $200,000 worth of pork products. Mr. Chaplin is receiver of John P. Squire & Co., corporation, which assigned recently.

GRAND LODGE MEETING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts met in annual communication here today. Grand Master Frank Douglass, called the assemblage to order and assisted by the grand officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge according to Masonic form. The report of Grand Secretary Benjamin Hazel showed a surprising growth of membership in all the lodges under the jurisdiction. Grand Master Frank M. Douglass delivered the annual address.

ISSUE OF $100,000

APPROVED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The railroad commissioners have approved an issue of $100,000 twenty-year bonds at five per cent. interest by the Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket street railway company for payment of floating debt and purchase of real and personal estate. The board authorizes the same road to issue $200,000 capital stock for the purpose of building and equipping its railway.

The commissioners have approved an increase of $25,000 in the capital stock of the New Bedford, Middleboro & Brockton street railway company. The road also is authorized to issue $327,000 five per cent. twenty-year coupon or registered bonds.

TRANSPORT GRANT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The United States transport Grant sailed last night for Manila, with the last of the volunteers, the 48th, colored, in command of Col. W. A. Duval.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; winds generally westerly.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM

LETTER CARRIERS TO WEAR STARS ON THEIR COAT SLEEVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Again the post office department at Washington has decided upon a change in the letter carriers' uniform, apparently to go into effect immediately. An order has been received directing that in the future the length of service as letter carrier shall be indicated by stars instead of by stripes.

While the order is dated December 13 and is worded so as to become effective immediately, it may not be enforced before next May, when the summer uniforms are to be donned. Otherwise the carriers would have to disfigure their present uniforms by tearing the service stripes off and substituting stars. The Boston letter carriers' sent a petition to Washington asking for permission to have the marks on their coat collars instead of on their sleeves, as it has been found that the wear and tear on the sleeves deface the stripes very quickly. No reply has been received yet, but it is expected that the request will be granted.

DIED SUDDENLY

Charles Sheldon a Victim of Heart Disease

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BEVERLY, Mass., Dec. 21.—Charles H. Sheldon of Manchester, Mass., died while coming from Salem to this city on a train early this forenoon. When the train reached Beverly the body was removed to the rooms of a local undertaker from which place they will be taken to Manchester. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Sheldon was 55 years old.

BIG ATTACHMENT

Filed Against Well Known Boston People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A $100,000 attachment against Messrs. Edward H. Clark and William H. Coolidge has been filed by Dupee & Sargeant, bankers and brokers, 28 State street. The writ relates especially to property held by the firm of Hayden Stone & Co. for Morey Brothers of 85 Milk street, and Frederick H. Prince & Co., bankers and brokers, State and Devonshire streets. The sheriff's writ states that he has attached particularly property of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, wife of Edward H. Clark, situated in Jamaica Plain.

CAR SHOPS BURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 21.—The car shops of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad here were burned this morning. The loss is $100,000.

FOR RECIPROCITY

Treaty Between France and United States

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A bill submitting the Franco-American reciprocity treaty to the approval of the French parliament was introduced yesterday in the chamber of deputies. The government in an elaborate preamble makes a point of setting forth the kindly disposition of the American government, which as enabled the negotiations to be brought to a successful conclusion and explains upon the great stimulus the treaty will give to commerce between the two countries.

The preamble explains that the treaty is the result of two years' work. It says that while pressed to retaliate against the restrictions of the Dingley tariff, the government deemed a resort to diplomacy preferable, in view of "our traditional sympathies for the republic of the United States and in consideration for our true economic interests."

It then recapitulates the main points of the provisional arrangement of May 5, 1898, which opened way for further negotiations, as French imports into the United States relieved from the tariff, increased 50 per cent.

Such American productions as cast iron, leath articles and machine tools "in which American manufactures possess a distinct superiority and which constitute a danger to French industry," are, the preamble points out, still excluded from the minimum tariff. Moreover, agricultural and cattle products are similarly excluded, "in order to protect the French from formidable American competition."

"This result," says the preamble, "is all the more important because Mr. Kasson made pressing demands on behalf of American agriculture. The French ambassador was not only able to resist them, but even obtained useful productions in favor of French agricultural products exported to the United States, such as olive oil and preserved vegetables."

After particularly calling attention to the important fact that the concessions obtained by France are exclusive and should tremendously increase French exports, while at the same time, the treaty is so arranged as to prevent an American invasion of French markets, the preamble concludes as follows: "The government at the White House, in signing with us this treaty, have shown their desire to reserve to French commerce the first fruits of the tariff concessions which the Dingley bill authorized to be granted to foreign powers.

"The action gives the treaty a value it would be impossible to misunderstand, and makes this document a work which should draw closer at the same time the economic relations of the two peoples and the present affinities of the two republics."

THE STATE GRANGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—The session of the state grange this morning was devoted to receiving reports of committees and a memorial service in honor of deceased members. Hollis Grange gave an exemplification of the third degree, and Dr. George Austin Bowen of Connecticut exemplified the unwritten work of the subordinate granges.

The committee on resolutions after a heated debate, voted 7 to 1 not to report an anti-free pass resolution.

YALE'S HONORARY DEGREES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21—It was announced today that the Yale corporation had given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to President Arthur T. Hadley and the honorary degree of Master of Arts to Prof. Beebe, and Prof. James Pierpont, of the University mathematical department.

MRS. PELL DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Paris announces the death of Mrs. Walden Pell, aged 88 years. She was a member of the well known Ellery family of Rhode Island, and was born in New Orleans, for which city she was christened Orleans Redwood Ellery. For twenty-five years she was a leader of society in New York. After the death of her husband in 1863 she removed to Newport. For thirty years she had lived in Paris, where her home was a center for American society.

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LARGE SIGN FELL

Hitting Mrs. C. S. Dodge of This City

A message received from Boston states that Mrs. C. S. Dodge of 269 Westford street, Lowell, while on one of the business streets of Boston, was rendered unconscious by the falling of a heavy sign on her. An ambulance was summoned and she was removed to the city hospital in that city.

AMATEUR BOUTS

SECOND SERIES AT BROADWAY A. C.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—The amateur boxers had their second series of fights last night at the Broadway athletic club, where bouts in the 115 pound, 125 pound, 135-pound and heavyweight classes were decided. Some of the bouts were fast and bloody. The finals will be fought on Saturday night. The summary:

115 pound class—Lou Brown of New York beat Mike Burke, Pastime A. C., in three rounds. H. Murphy, St. Bartholomew's A. C. beat Jim Dixon, Harlem A. C. in two rounds; R. Gortershaw, Harvey A. C. beat Dick Murray, Prince A. C. in three rounds; P. McGoff, Winslow A. C., beat Dick Rouse, H.A.C. in one round; J. Kenny, Prince A.C., beat J. Collins, Butler A. C., in three rounds; Harry Saunders, Summit A.C., beat Charley Hoyt, Clipper A. C., in three rounds; B. Diamond, Union Settlement A. C., beat William Bush, Edison A.C. in three rounds.

125 pound class—Mike O'Brien, U. S. A. C., beat J. Abbey, unattached, in three rounds; Jerry Devers, New West-Side A. C., beat J. Slatery, Postal A. C. in three rounds; C. Simmons, Butler A. C., beat J. A. Sargent, Oliver A. C., in three rounds.

Heavyweight class—J. Quinn, Downtown A.C., beat F. Badgeley, Edison A. C.

135 pound class—T. Haley beat H. Allen in one round.

SHOT TO DEATH

Man Killed in a Road House

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DANIELSON, Conn., Dec. 21.—Joe Robitaille, a Frenchman belonging in Putnam, was shot to death at a road house in Killingly Center during the night by Levi Jorvis, a fellow countryman. The two men, with two young women, had driven from Putnam to Killingly Center. An hour after their arrival, Jorvis rushed to the proprietor and announced that he had shot his friend. The county authorities were notified and Jorvis and the two women are under arrest, pending an investigation. All three persist in a statement that the shooting was accidental. Robitaille was 19 years old.

REAGAN WILLING

WILL MEET GEORGE GARDINER AT LYNN.

"Billo" Reagan was a caller at The Sun office today and he stated that he will meet George Gardiner, the middleweight champion of New England, who has expressed a willingness to try conclusions with "Billo." The latter says he will meet Gardiner any time after January 5th, when he is to box six rounds with Prof. Thompson of Concord at Hillsborough Bridge, N. H. The Kirtland Athletic club of Lynn will offer a purse for Reagan and Gardiner should they agree to come together which now seems highly probable. They will make a warm bout.

FINGER CAUGHT IN GEAR.

Felix Englesby of the navy yard had his finger caught in a gear in the dye house at the Faulkner mills the other day and had it badly bruised. He will not be able to go to work for several days.

COL. MILLIGAN DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Col. L. P. Milligan died at his home in this city today. He was 87 years of age and his name is familiar in national history. In 1864 he was arrested on a charge of treason and placed in a military prison at Indianapolis. A military commission found him guilty, and he was sentenced to be hanged on May 19, 1865. The gallows were erected but before the execution the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later the case was presented to the supreme court and the prisoner was released.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December, are announced: Massachusetts: Original: Daniel H. Farrar, East Acton, $6. Additional: George R. Derry, Everett, $8 to $10. Restoration and re-issue: Special Dec. 3, Josiah J. Eaton, (dead) Fall River, $12. Renewal and re-issue: Benjamin E. Corlew, Brookline, $8. Increase: Moses F. Cram, Whitinsville, $6 to $10; Lorenzo A. Chapman, Charlestown, $8 to $10; William H. Fogg, Lynn, $8 to $10. Original widows, etc., Ida Chadwell, Salem, $8. Special accrue Dec. 9—Caroline Stockhouse, Lynn, $8; special Dec. 9, Susan E. Eaton, Fall River, $8.

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A POLICE SHIFT

Lieut. Coleman Made a Captain

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The substantial Christmas presents which it was suspected the board of police would give out next Saturday in the way of promotions were distributed last night, just four days ahead of time.

The promotions, assignments, commendations and transfers in very many instances created no end of pleasure among the recipients.

The big plum of all falls to Lieut. Thomas W. Coleman of division 5, a war veteran, an all-round good fellow and a thoroughly capable official. He goes to Charlestown, where he will assume the captaincy of division 15. He will be missed up in the Dedham street station, where he has been exceedingly popular, both with the patrolmen of that district and the general public with whom he has been brought in contact.

Sergt. Michael F. O'Neil, who was recently transferred from division 4 to 3, goes to division 14, with the rank of lieutenant.

Patrolman Henry Hazlett of division 2 is promoted to a sergeantcy and assigned to duty in division 9.

Capt. John J. Hanley, who was recently appointed to his present berth, was a lieutenant in division 2. His first location was station 12 in South Boston. He is transferred to division 10.

Capt. Henry Dawson, who figured in the last shakeup, when he went from division 10 to 10, is now sent out to take charge of the Dorchester station.

The following are the transfers made:

Capt. John J. Hanley from division 12 to division 10.

Capt. Henry Dawson from division 10 to division 12.

Lieut. John A. O'Rourke from division 14 to division 5.

Sergt. James J. Watkins from division 9 to division 3.

Sergt. Daniel F. Eagan from division 13 to division 11.

Sergt. Walter E. Bruce from division 11 to division 13.

Patrolman Charles Carlson from division 1 to division 8.

Patrolman John H. O'Neil from division 2 to division 3.

Reserve Officer Asa G. Howland from division 4 to division 1.

Patrolman Charles L. Howell from division 10 to division 11.

Patrolman John W. Lothrop from division 4 to division 14.

Patrolman Harrison H. Wilder from division 5 to division 9.

Patrolman John R. Witham from division 5 to division 16.

Patrolman Carl R. Ammelin from division 8 to division 1.

Patrolman Dennis F. Murphy from division 9 to division 5.

Patrolman James D. Conboy from division 10 to division 2.

Patrolman James P. Smith from division 10 to division 13.

Patrolman Everett E. Chandler from division 11 to division 10.

STATE'S CASE

IS ENDED IN THE HOUGH TRIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETON, Conn., Dec. 21.—At today's session of the trial of Joseph H. Hough, on a charge alleging the murder of Harry Chadwick, the state rested its case. The case of the prosecution was concluded with the testimony of medical experts. The defense was immediately begun.

WOMEN ARRESTED

ON A CHARGE OF SHOPLIFTING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Christmas holiday anticipations of several women in the big department stores were rudely dispelled last night by the unannounced presence of Inspectors Wise and Mahoney, who, besides looking over the attractive display of the various merchants, were incidentally watching for the creatures of irresistible impulse, who at this season of the year, in particular, endeavor to get something for nothing.

One young woman in particular attracted their attention, and they followed her, finally taking her into custody. She was taken to headquarters, where it was found that she had quite an assortment of Christmas gifts which, unfortunately, were not accompanied with the sales slips usually given out by all well regulated establishment. One fur collarette was pinned about her waist, and she had other articles of glassware, handkerchiefs, etc., all valued at about $35.

She gave the name of Annie Lewis, 32, and claimed to live on Tremont street, in the Brighton district. She was booked and charged with shoplifting from the different department stores.

During the evening the same inspectors returned to headquarters with two street, Dedham. She was charged with shoplifting. The first was Jennie Wiggins, 24, who said she lived on High street, Dedham. She was charged with the larceny of articles valued at $1.50. The other was Lizzie Dorcey, 23, who claimed to live at 20 Franklin street, Somerville. When searched at headquarters property to the amount of $4 was found on her person. She in turn was booked, and was later taken through the "bridge of sighs" to the house of detention.

This morning each had a chance to explain her connection with the various charges in the lower court on Pemberton hill.

MUST NOT DANCE

CHRISTMAS MUST BE OBSERVED AS MOST HOLY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Dec. 21—Rev. Fr. McAndrew, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, of this city, has forbidden the Young Men's Drill organization to hold a dance which they had arranged for Christmas day. He says:

"God made the Sabbath and he made Christmas and Christmas is far the more important day. Christmas, of all days, should be observed as most holy."

STEAMER SEIZED

AND SENT TO MANILA UNDER A PRIZE CREW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 21—According to the Hong Kong papers the steamer Labuan, which left Sandakakon, on November 21, with clearing papers, was seized by the United States steamer Castine at Caldera bay and sent to Manila under a prize crew. Captain Pfort, master of the Labuan, reported that permission was sought to proceed to Cota Batu to bring away several families, as they were in danger of being killed by the Moros, but that the permission was refused and the commander of the Castine ordered the British vessel to be seized. A prize crew was then put on board and the steamer sent to Manila. The seizure was at once protested by the master of the steamer.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 22.—James Dowling, aged 62, employed by the Dillon Machine company, fell through a hatchway of the Merrimac Paper mill last evening and sustained injuries that resulted in his death later.

GOULD'S YACHT

Came Near Being Destroyed by Fire

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Howard Gould's magnificent steam yacht, Niagara, which cost more than $1,000,000 came near being destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock this morning. The Harvest Queen and the Andrew M. Church, three-decker excursion boats, and three canal boats, and the tug John Day, at the foot of West 3th street caught fire and several bales of burning straw from these boats were driven by the wind right under the bows of the Niagara which was anchored in the stream.

The crew of the Niagara, aided by the fire boats, kept playing hose upon the bales until the wind and tide swirled them away. The fire is believed to have been caused by tramps, who stole shelter on the Harvest Queen. She, as well as the Andrew M. Church, was filled with bales of straw.

The damage to each of the excursion boats is $500, to each of the canal boats, $200, and to the tug, $100.

WANTS THE BIG FIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The Call says that D. J. Tobin, a well known sporting man of this city, who has offered $30,000 in behalf of a syndicate to secure the Jeffries-Corbett fight for this city, has secured an option of sixty days in which to make a satisfactory deposit. If the contest occurs here it may be held by daylight in the open air.

MAYOR PROCTOR

OF SOMERVILLE DOES NOT WANT HIS SALARY RAISED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 21.—At a special session of the Somerville board of aldermen last evening, Mayor Proctor who was presiding, took occasion to read a letter penned by himself in which he referred at length to the attempt made last week by Alderman Story to secure an increase of the mayor's salary from $2500 to $3500.

In his letter the mayor said that he could not consider the increase in his salary for four reasons. In the first place he would not consent to an increase after election; second, the present salary is fairly liberal in view of the city's financial ability; third, the new charter provides for a practical increase of the mayor's salary by providing him with a secretary; fourth, as the office is largely honorary, it is not to be expected that the salary shall fully compensate the mayor for his services.

Just before adjournment, Alderman Lapham produced a slight sensation when he arose, and after gaining permission to speak on a question of personal privilege, proceeded to arraign by direct implication the committee on public grounds for cutting a path through Broadway park without permission from the city council, which the alderman claimed was contrary to the ordinances. He asked for an explanation.

Mayor Proctor said he had allowed the alderman to go on with his speech, although his remarks were not of the nature of a question of privilege.

A motion was made to adjourn, and carried.

SAVOY THEATRE

Have you seen the monkey circus? This is without doubt the most novel entertainment ever offered to the public. Prof. Wormwood can bring more joy into the hearts of the little ones with this show than any show that ever come to our city. Every mother should take the little ones and they will have something to talk about for a month of Sundays. The way that these little animals have been educated is simply wonderful. Saturday afternoon the monkeys and the dogs will have a Christmas tree on the stage and all the children will be allowed to go on the stage. There is also a high grade vaudeville show. In short, there is no more interesting amusement house in the city.

Boston & Maine Railroad

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

In effect October 2, 1899: Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.25, c6.42, *7.45, *8.50, c9.15, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, c3.00, 4.35, c5.44 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 5.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.10, 6.28, c6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.30, *7.25, 7.34, *7.45, w*8.00, *8.57, c9.13, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.03, *11.42 a. m., w12.00, 12.16, w12.45, 1.43, w2.30, c3.03, w3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.15, 5.22, c5.40, w*6.15, *6.52, 7.00, *7.43, w9.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 7.20, 7.28, w8.15, 8.43, 9.19 a. m., w12.05, w4.06, 4.35, w5.30, 5.58, w7.25, p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.34, w8.30, w9.25, 10.05, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, w2.30, w3.55, 4.15, w5.15, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w11.25 p. m.

SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30, w7.25 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.34 a. m.; w12.05, 1.15, w5.15, 5.53 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.34, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.15, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, b11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.34, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.34, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m., for Somersworth and Portland.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15, p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.; 6.15 p. m., ex. Saturday for Belfast and Rockland. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John's, N. B., Halifax, N. S., Montreal and Quebec, 6.15 p. m. (6.15 does not connect Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland), on (Mondays, for St. John only) and Thursdays, at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.15 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.23, 7.04, 7.34, *7.45, 11.03 a. m.; 1.43, 1.58 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 8.43 a. m.; 4.25, 5.55 p. m.

For Ayer and Way Stations—7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.12 a. m.; 1.00, 3.41, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.12 a. m.; 3.41 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.45, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.40, 6.77, *8.30, *8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m. (to Nashua only), 3.08 a. m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.10, 8.40 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, *a8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.40 a. m.; 1.40 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *9.40 a. m.; *1.40, *a8.40 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Jct., Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal, via Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *a8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *9.40 a. m.; *a8.40 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *9.50 a. m.; *8.40 p. m. ex. Sat.

References:

*Express. aDaily

bWednesdays and Saturdays only.

wVia Western Division.

cVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junction.

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Hereafter when the Horsfords run a party it will be necessary to enlarge the hall, for their first humble effort at Associate hall last evening, drew out or rather drew in the largest crowd of the season and was without any doubt the most uproariously funny affairs ever held here. The fun was entitled a poverty and character party, and it smashed all previous records as a fun-maker. There were about 400 couples on the floor, chairs and window sills and in the balcony standing room was at a premium.

Previous to the big show, there was a street parade of the Corntossel band of Fourth of July fame. The parade held up street cars and teams for an immense throng followed it through the streets. The band consisted of an aggregation of farmers, tramps, musicians, bums and a few others, grotesquely attired and playing on every old kind of a musical (?) instrument. The first cornet player rendered the air, while the others filled it with a heart-rending accompaniment. Behind the band was a carriage containing John Sligo, the Fayette street tragedian, and his manager, Michael Finucan, the pride of Kidder street, and that's no "kid." Both wore happy smiles and other raiment and the rest of the carriage was taken up by young Bucky Thornton and Hon. John Curry, champion all-round athlete of the Grove. Forninst the band was Tom Fury, the juggler.

JOHN J. DRISCOLL, General Manager.

When the band returned to the hall it found an immense gathering there ahead of it, and when the fun started, those who sought the entry for a smoke had to back out for there wasn't room to turn around. The band was led by a little million of "kids," but the director was George Baxter, who officiated with the dignity and grace of a J. Philip Sousa, the only difference being in the color of their whiskers, for the Sousa of last night appeared to have had his washed. Among the other impresaries were Frank McOsker, Con. Keliher, John Driscoll, Geo. McManus, John McClusky, the Potato brothers, George and Joe Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, not P. J., Alderman Barris, Sam Duxdale, Charles Fleudry, Denny Kelly and Albert Nyce.

The dance began about 8 o'clock with Hibbard's orchestra in the points, smiling Joseph being master of ceremonies. Even the orchestra was uniquely attired in honor of the occasion, Charlie McCarthy looking particularly charming made up as Anna Held. Among the dancers were farmers, cowboys, Indians, there was a lot of them, the real things; actors, principally bum ones; cowboys, cowgirls, actresses, old maids, young ones, and many others beside Mike Finucan and John Sligo. Finucan was attired in

CHARLES F. McMANUS, Floor Director.

the beautiful costume of a courtier of the time of Louise Quartorze or as Finucan picturesquely put it, "one o' thim guys what used to raise Cain over there in France." Sligo wore his usual smile which he stretched a few inches as his friends cheered him. Sligo was made up like a dry goods clerk on holiday.

There was fun enough to be had when the dance was on but when the cake walk came at 10 o'clock the waistcoat buttons which the poet Holmes so cleverly described began to burst. Of course the feature of the walk was the contribution of Sligo and Finucan, and two jollier souls never cut up shines at a gathering. Little Johnny Curry, who stands pat at three feet led the walk. He carried a cane that was never built for him and several times he was in danger of giving himself a funny fall. Finucan went on first. His "lady" was John Martin, the well known cake walker in a Mag Splash make-up. Finucan was simply a dream, a veritable pipe-dream, and his little trick with the handkerchief would have turned even Tom McEnery green with envy. After Finucan had done his turn, Sligo blew in with Fred O'Brien as his "loidy." While Sligo looked more bewitching than his rival he wasn't half so graceful. Finucan was foxy and wore spiked shoes but Sligo wasn't on and came out in a pair of rudderless canal boats, and had much difficulty in steering himself. Sligo and his partner used a new six-day stride and poor little Curry had to do the "split" to keep within hailing distance of them. The judges were Messrs. Paul Kruger, Joe Chamberlain and William B. Dahmmed and they awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, counterfeit dollar, Michael Finucan; second prize, one pound of Limburger cheese, John Sligo; individual prize, a pair of rubber boots, John Curry. Sligo upon receiving his prize placed it in his pocket and in a very few minutes it became necessary to invite him outside. Finucan was called upon for a speech and he said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, friends and acquaintances: To learn that I am so well known and so popular makes my bosom swell with pride beyond even the limits of my lung protector. I almost think I could be elected to the council if the ladies only voted. Sligo and my self are Altruists. We live to make others happy. Let yez all enjoy yourself. I thank you very kindly for your postologies."

After the walk dancing was enjoyed until 1 o'clock, and the crowd stayed until the finish.

Although the affair was ludicrous throughout, there was nothing there that would offend the most fastidious.

The officers of the party were: General manager, John J. Driscoll; assistant general manager, Edward J. Burns; door director, Charles F. McManus; assistant floor director, William F. Egan; chief aid, Dennis J. Kelley; aids, John F. McNabb, Michael J. Hogan, Timothy E. Flynn, Michael E. Powers, John F. Kelley, Lewis A. Lovering, Frank R. Brown, Chas. Jones, John Collins and Frank Redding; reception committee, William J. Collins, chairman, Michael A. Cuff, Joseph McMahon, Charles Leclaire, Patrick F. Noonan, James A. McCusker, George L. Adams, George Schermerhorn, Thos. E. Bertrain, Timothy Naud, Robert Shepard, Henry McDonald, Napoleon Cook, Frank McOsker, John Gorman, John Mahan, Frederick E. Geitron, treasurer.

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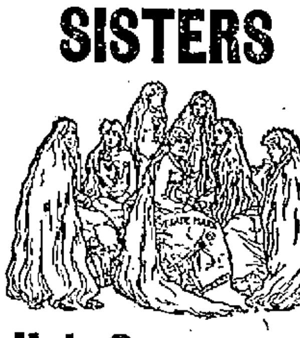

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MAYOR HART

HAS NAMED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Many men have been named in connection with the position of private secretary to Mayor Hart, among them being Sec. Sands of the republican city committee. It was stated yesterday, however, that the question has been settled by Mr. Hart and that his son-in-law, C. W. Ernst, will be appointed.

Mr. Ernst was secretary to Mayor Hart during his two terms 10 years ago, and when Mr. Hart was postmaster Mr. Ernst was his assistant. While secretary to Mayor Hart, Mr. Ernst devoted much time to the study of municipal problems and the collection of a library of municipal documents and works relating to municipal government, and he is now said to have the finest library of the kind in Boston.

IN COLLISION

STEAMERS COME TOGETHER IN A FOG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Holland-America line steamer Werkendam, which sailed from Amsterdam yesterday for New York, was in collision off Maasluis in the fog with the British steamer Silvio and had five plates on the port side damaged. No damage has been reported to the Silvio.

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THE CRAZY EDITOR

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outrageous manner in which it heaped abuse upon him as a candidate and as a citizen. We acknowledge that we did not conduct any such a dirty mud slinging campaign for the head or any other part of the ticket, for we believe the voters of the city are too intelligent to accept such filth for arguments in a municipal contest. Not only did we support the entire ticket; but we refused to admit to our columns a single line detrimental to any of the democratic candidates. This is more than the venal gang in the News office can say. They opened their columns to the republicans who sent in one communication after another condemning Candidate Barrett. This vile sheet that actually allowed the use of its columns to oppose the re-election of Purchasing Agent Barrett, has the nerve to talk to a consistent democratic paper about cuckooism. Worse still, the News gave the aldermanic ticket no support whatever, but did what it could personally and otherwise to

SECURE THE DEFEAT

of the democratic aldermanic candidates. The Libby independent movement was hatched up in the News office and the name of the editor of the News was one of the first that appeared on the nomination papers of Oliver A. Libby. Think of it! Just think of the degree of insanity that must have taken possession of the editor of the News, who after signing the nomination papers of Libby with his own name, advocating that gentleman's election in his paper, printing an engraving of him and three columns of the most laudatory matter that could be published for even a straight democrat. Think of this lunatic crying from the house tops that he is running the only democratic paper in the city, and that The Sun which really was the only paper that stood by the entire democratic ticket is a cuckoo. This is not cheek or gall, it is simply insanity. Furthermore, this so called democratic paper was filled with notices prior to election calling upon the democrats to vote for Libby for alderman, when they knew that every such vote meant destruction to the entire aldermanic ticket. In the midst of all this, The Sun was vigorously opposing the election of Libby and advised democrats as it always advised them for their best interests and for the best interests of their party, not to cast a single vote for this cuckoo, Libby.

If any further evidence of the News man's lunacy were needed it was given at the meeting of the candidates at Associate hall, immediately preceding city election when Candidate Barrett took the floor and

DENOUNCED THE NEWS.

for not giving him or any of the aldermanic candidates the support they were entitled to, and even pointed directly at the editor of the News who sat there most unblushingly knowing that he had done his utmost to destroy the ticket and yet this editorial maniac came out in his newspaper the next day with an article stating that Mr. Barrett had denounced The Sun for not supporting the ticket. His meanness as well as his mendacity was shown when Mr. Barrett denied the statement, and the editor of the News refused to print his denial which was then published in The Sun. It is plain that this renegade editor is trying to scream loud enough to turn attention from his own perfidy and thus escape the condemnation of democrats for the duplicity and the persistent cuckooism of his decaying sheet.

Immediately after election, The Sun learned that the republicans were plotting to go to the legislature with a bill to take the power of appointing a police commissioner from the mayor and transfer it to the governor in order that the republicans might retain control of the police department. No sooner was this legitimate and truthful item of news printed in The Sun than this crazy man announced that The Sun had really started the rumor for the purpose of inducing the republicans to make such a move. As if the republicans needed any such suggestions! The next day, The Sun in an editorial stated in good plain English its opposition to any such scheme on the part of the republicans, and while we had no doubt that Governor Wolcott if he was in office would sign the bill, we depended upon the incoming Governor Crane to refuse to perpetrate any such an outrage on the democrats of the city of Lowell. We denounced the scheme in the plainest and most unqualified terms, and yet this drivelling idiot claims to print The Sun editorial, but omitting a most important part of it, and says that by reading between the lines he can see we mean exactly the reverse of what we said. This is the last stage of

EDITORIAL PARESIS

and the poor fellow is undoubtedly a hopeless case. The town is laughing at him and he is making an absolute ass of himself and still more of a laughing stock of the filthy sheet he edits.

The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, as it has done at every election, but it refused to admit to its columns every communication that would reflect upon any candidate on the ticket from the top to the bottom. We condemned the independent action of Libby as outrageous and likely to destroy the chances of a majority in the aldermanic board, which it did. We refused the use of our columns to the republicans for advertising their campaign or their candidates, and even the Crowley-McEvoy controversy which some papers were mean enough to dish up to the public, was scrupulously excluded from the columns of The Sun. We saw that the incident might be used by the republicans for campaign purposes and we also saw that the controversy might descend into some such a personal quarrel as the Collins-Murphy fight which defeated the democracy in Boston; therefore, we kept the matter out of our columns, while some who pretend to criticize The Sun used it to the injury of the democratic party. There is not a single iota of fact upon which any charge of cuckooism can be made against The Sun, and every democrat in Lowell knows it. The purpose of the News is quite plain. It has been a renegade sheet for years past and is always for sale and to let to the highest bidder. It has been crooked in every election since it was started, and at this late day it is trying to kick up a dust to cover its past treachery. It will find, however, that it cannot fool the democrats of this city with any cock-and-bull story calculated to put aside its own cuckooism by crying "cuckoo" at others. The News at one time enjoyed a measure of the confidence and support of the democrats of Lowell; but it sacrificed that confidence and support long ago and it has been slowly starving to death ever since. Every one remembers how it bolted the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president, and refused to support the Chicago platform or any of the nominees of the Chicago convention. This was the beginning of the decline of the Lowell Daily Cuckoo. It followed up this piece of treachery by bolting the nomination of George Fred Williams for governor. Not only did it oppose his nomination, but even after he was nominated in a legal and proper manner, the News reviled him, made fun of him, and did everything in its power

TO DESTROY

the democratic organization in Lowell that was pledged to his support. This is the same sheet that always stood by Chadwick when he was running for city treasurer, and even took up the support of Walter Sawyer when he ran for the same office against straight democratic candidates. The News office has been the home and breeding place of the local cuckoos for years. Every one remembers the cuckoos of the Flats who betrayed the party and who originally brought the present police regime into power that has disintegrated the democracy of Lowell; yet the cuckoos of the Flats were always the canonized saints of the Lowell Daily News. The democrats of Lowell remember when the News sold its columns to Charles D. Palmer; they also remember when it sold its columns to J. W. Bennett and covered its dirty pages with announcements that its readers should vote for Bennett. In the famous deadlock at city hall, the venomous gang in the News office that is now howling "cuckoo" were the backers of "asphaltina" Bob Crowley and his crowd who, in the most treacherous manner, brought about the cuckooism that resulted in breaking the deadlock and driving the loyal democrats from city hall. The News has always been the special organ of the Crowley-Fifield-Lilley school of nonpartisan democracy, but we confess that we have never been able to see anything in that particular brand of democracy that has been of any use to the rank and file of the democratic party. The Sun has always stood by the common people, the masses of the democracy, and not the bosses, the millionaire office-holders or the mugwump non-partisans who have associated themselves with the party for the purpose of controlling it and turning it over, body and soul, to its enemies. Had the advice of The Sun been followed in the past, the democracy of Lowell would not be in the disorganized condition in which it is today, and has been for over a year. All our predictions on this point

HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

but we still have faith in the real democracy and we believe that they will yet see their way clear to build up the party on straight democratic lines when the bone and sinew of the party gets rid of the renegades, the cuckoos, and the non-partisans. The Sun was preaching the straight democratic doctrine to the democrats of Lowell before the News was born. It preached the straight democratic doctrine to the same people while the News was betraying them and opposing their candidates and it will be preaching straight democracy to the Lowell democrats when the News is dead, buried and forgotten.

We observe with much regret that the new Sunday paper, the Sunday Telegram, has joined the News in this crusade of personal abuse of the proprietor of The Sun. Whether they are doing so from instigation or through a misunderstanding, we do not know, but there is not a particle of truth, cause or justice to sustain their position. We may say that while we have no controversy with the Sunday Telegram, we are satisfied that it will not find its unreasonable and unjust position in this matter either creditable or profitable. We apologize to our readers for taking up so much of their time on a matter which is so largely personal. We realize that the people of Lowell do not like personal or newspaper quarrels, but we think we owe it to our readers and ourselves to make this explanation and to dispose of this absurd charge as well as to expose the purpose and the treachery of these would-be newspaper critics.

MUSIC HALL

The "High Rollers" played to a full house last night and will appear again tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening. The olio was the cleverest of the season, the specialties were all very funny and the catchy songs and the dances pleased everybody.

A NEW FARCE.

"Dad in Harness" a cleverly constructed new farce comedy will shortly be presented in this city by that versatile author, Kenneth Lee, also the author of several other successes, viz: Weber & Field's "The Glad Hand," Johnstone Bennett's "A Quiet Evening at Home," and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drew's "When Two Hearts are Won," of which the latter had a run of five months at the Tivoli, London, Eng. It is said of the company that is to portray the several characters that everyone is of some known repute. Otis B. Thayer, late of "The Tarrytown Widow" Co., and Beatrice McKenzie late of the "Hotel Topsy-Turvy Co., head the list and others are Florence Elliott late of the "Bride Elect" Co., Kenneth Lee, Lillian Gerome Martin, Gertrude Chamberlin, Robert Robson, etc. It is said that special attention will be given to the stagecraft and that numerous refined specialties will be introduced by the clever array of comedians. "Dad in Harness" will be presented at Music Hall the first three days next week, commencing Monday, Dec. 25th. matinee will be given Monday, Christmas day.

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By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A colored barber, Joshua T. Jones, who with a woman giving her name as Lala Jones and claiming to be his wife, has lived in the rear of his shop at 91 Village street, was shot in the breast by the woman yesterday after she had been driven from the house.

The couple had a row in the afternoon, and after a war of words, Lala was ordered out of the house, the order being accompanied by force on the part of Jones. Soon after the woman re-entered the house and securing a revolver, fired from the back yard through a window in the shop just as Jones came into the room. The latter fell to the floor where he was found and taken to the hospital.

NO BERTHS FOR NEGROES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler has signed the bill prohibiting the sleeping car companies operating in the state from furnishing berths to negro passengers except in coaches used especially for the accommodation of negroes. The measure is now a law.

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SHOULD IRELAND STRIKE ENGLAND NOW?

Editor Sun: I think this is the right time for Ireland to strike a blow for her independence as England has about all she can do to attend to the Boers. Why not take the opportunity? There may not be another like it for a century. What do you think of it? IRISHMAN.

If Ireland could strike for freedom, with any show of success, by all means, we would advise her to do so. We have often heard that England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity, but England's difficulty has not embarrassed her sufficiently to cause her to withdraw her forces to any great extent from Ireland. That unhappy country has been under the thumb of England for seven hundred years yet kept up a physical force struggle until her resources were completely exhausted, until the whole country was so overrun with British soldiers and police that it was impossible for any large number of people to hold a meeting without the knowledge of the English authorities. No meetings of a secret nature can be carried on very long without some of England's spies working their way into them, and getting all the information necessary to secure conviction for conspiracy. Hence it is almost impossible for the Irish people to organize in Ireland secretly and without such organization they can accomplish nothing like a successful uprising against the government. The landlords who own practically the entire country are all in sympathy with the government and they keep a watch over their tenants to prevent any movement against the government. On account of their service in this respect they are dubbed the English garrison in Ireland and they are worse than a military body, for they are mostly all magistrates who preside at the lower courts and have thus an opportunity to impose whatever penalties they see fit upon the people who come before them. The population of Ireland has been reduced by English oppression from 8,500,000 to less than 4,000,000 and these consist mainly of children, their parents and the very aged people, as when the young people reach adult age they emigrate to America or some other country. Thus Ireland's power of resistance is weakened more and more and a rising at the present time would be almost certain to fail, because the people have no arms, no ammunition, no military training, no possible chance of gaining any of these requisites. It is true their kindred in other lands would gladly help them if they could, but they can't send armed men; they can't send arms or ammunition; they can't send anything to help except money, and the very first attempt to use that in aiding a seditious movement would be met with the most determined resistance that England could put forth. If a rebellion broke out in Ireland tomorrow with any promise of success, England would drop the Boer war at once and ship her best soldiers and her most noted butchers to Ireland.

Irishmen both at home and abroad are willing enough to enter into any movement for the liberation of their country but the present is not the opportune moment. They are following the right course in aiding the Boers with men and money because if England is beaten in Africa, it will mark the beginning of her downfall, especially of her colonial system which is so abhorrent to the Boers and to Irishmen. Those who know the oppression that the Irish people have suffered under England will only admire them for helping the Boers, just as Englishmen everywhere are expected to stand for the mother country and her colonial supremacy.

TO PLACATE THE GERMANS.

The action of President McKinley in going out of his way in his message to specially compliment Germany shows the real character of the man.

Mr. McKinley knew that there was widespread hostility among the German-American voters against his policy of imperialism and the avowed friendship of the national administration for England. The hostility had become so universal as to threaten republican success in states which gave McKinley sweeping majorities in '96 notably Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. McKinley was so alarmed by this revolt within the party that he set diligently to work to ascertain its extent and counteract the hostility.

Although it is a well known fact that the McKinley administration is in full sympathy with England in the war against the Boers and that the colonial policy of England is one of the ambitions of Mark Hanna's dishonesty, the president gushes over Germany in his annual message and descending the plane of the smooth politician, undertakes to use a state paper to placate defection.

Mr. McKinley will find that the German-Americans are unalterably hostile to imperialism, that their sympathies are with the brave Boers, who are struggling to establish an independent republic and that they are not to be caught by the cheap flattery of John Bull's right bower.

The report of a committee to the Building Trades Council of Chicago in December, 1899 shows a disparity between the rise in prices of materials and the advance in wages sufficiently great to take the edge off our "overwhelming prosperity." Among the brushmakers, bristles have advanced 20 to 40 per cent within a year, but the employes have not received an advance since 1893. However, ten hours a week has been added to working time without an increase in wages. Window glass is 85 per cent and plate-glass 120 to 200 per cent in advance of 1897 prices, with an advance in wages of only 12 per cent over 1892. Brick is 75 per cent beyond the prices of a year ago, but the increase in wages is only ½ per cent. Among metal workers there is an increase of from 5 to 7 per cent in wages with profits to manufacturers of 30 per cent. Prices in the terra cotta trade have not changed, but the wages have decreased 37½ per cent. So it goes on with prosperity booming in every direction except among the people who toil.

Gen. Lawton died a soldier's death. He was a brave general and it is he regretted that he met such a death. Still the generals who set out to shoot the Filipinos must not be surprised if the latter strike back. They are defending their lives and their homes and making a gallant fight for freedom.

It is getting near Christmas and the youngsters expect a visit from Santa Claus. If we had an interview with the old gentleman, we would advise him not to disappoint them. The young men have enough to do to select presents for their sweethearts.

The city of Lawrence is the dullest we know of in regard to newspapers. The bulletins do not attract and even the newsboys are scarcely heard on ordinary occasions.

CRISP GOSSIP

While passing down Market street by the Green school yard the other day I noticed a sight which is worthy of mention. A man who keeps a grocery store in that vicinity had a barrel placed on the sidewalk between the girls' and boys' yard. On the barrel he had a couple of baskets filled with apples, cakes, pickles, candy and other sweetmeats. It was not very long before his supply was exhausted, and he had to replenish it. It is said that he makes considerable money out of this little scheme of his.

The other day a friend of mine received two tickets for a sacred concert to be held on a Sunday night. The next evening he called on his lady friend and invited her to go to the concert. They wended their way toward the hall where the concert was to take place, and to their amazement found the hall in darkness. The young man was sure that he had the right hall, and to verify his belief he produced the tickets. But it seems that the concert was to take place two weeks later. The young man of course made due apologies to the young lady who, of course, said she was willing to wait.

Did it ever occur to you that there is an unusually large number of cripples, blind men and beggars around the streets of our city this month. One can hardly pass a corner without hearing the familiar strains of a hand organ or an accordion. The majority of these people pick out the Hamilton wall on Central street as their stand. A few spare coppers thrown their way will never be missed.

It is hard work for a person to navigate his way up Merrimack or Central streets these evenings without having a collision with some one. From seven until nine o'clock the streets are packed with people who are purchasing Christmas presents.

Last evening a woman with at least ten bundles of every size and description boarded a Merrimack street car. After delaying the car a couple of minutes by getting off and picking up a couple of bundles she had dropped, she started to lay the bundles one by one on the seat beside her. The conductor gave her a look as much as to say "I wonder if you thing this is a freight car?"

A hardware dealer in this city who ordered an extra large order of skates this year, says that if it doesn't get cold very soon he will have to go into insolvency.

Not long ago while in the post office I missed a familiar figure, that of "Rover, the post office dog." Upon inquiring I found out that "Rover" had gone to the "happy hunting grounds," having passed away. "Rover" was owned by Mr. William H. Howard, a clerk in the office, and he felt bad over the loss of his dog. "Rover" was everybody's pet and a great favorite with the boys.

The weather has been so good this month that an aggregation of local "bikers" have decided to run a century on New Year's day. They may have to do it in sleighs, though.

The residents of Pawtucketville now have to pay twelve cents for a two-cent stamp. There is no place in that district where they can buy stamps, and when they need one they have to take a car down town. Coburn's store in Pawtucketville was a stamp agency until this year, when a law was passed doing away with these agencies. It is very inconvenient for residents in that section of the city who forget to buy their stamps when they are down town.

An old lady approached an electric car the other day. "Do you go to the First Congregational church?" she inquired of the conductor. "No, lady," he replied," I have to work every sunday, so I don't get a chance."

Rapid progress is being made in the repairing of the old Card clothing building, which was damaged by fire a short time ago. At one stage of the fire it looked as if it was "all off" with the old landmark.

The only thing that is worrying the boys and girls is whether there will be any skating or coasting during Christmas week. The chances are very much against them.

The bicycle stores of a few years ago used to keep open during the riding season and close up during the winter. But now they are more up-to-date; they sell wheels in the summer and during the winter when there is a lull in the "bike" business they sell phonographs, skates, gas lights and numerous other things.

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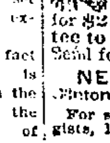

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DIED IN IRELAND

MOTHER OF MRS. JOHN WARBURTON PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN LIMERICK CITY.

Mrs. Anne Murphy, mother of Mrs. John Warburton and Mrs. Patrick Reardon of this city, died recently at her home in Limerick, Ire. The funeral was a remarkably large one for a woman in private life, and is described in the Munster News and Limerick Advocate under date of December 6, as follows:

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. ANNE MURPHY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Murphy, whose death occurred at her residence, Thomond Row, on Sunday, at the venerable age of 75 years, took place yesterday from St. Munchin's parochial church was the mother of the Very Rev. Mrs. Murphy, who came of an old and much esteemed family, that has given many sons to the service of the Holy church, was the mother of the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, president, St. Munchin's College, secretary to the Lord Bishop; the Rev. John Murphy, O. S. A., and the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C. (deceased). Death has been busy among the family of late. A month has scarcely passed since the daughter of the lamented deceased, Mrs Johanna Fitzgerald, breathed her last, and some six months prior to that the community at large mourned the loss of her son, the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C., St. John's Chaplain, St. John's fever hospital. Much sympathy is felt for the surviving relatives at the many bereavements they have been called upon to sustain within a period so comparatively brief. The funeral yesterday was representative of the city, and testified in an eloquent manner the deep respect in which the members of the family are held. Immediately before the funeral solemn requiem mass was celebrated at St. Munchin's church, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy; deacon, Rev. Father O'Driscoll; sub-deacon, Rev. Father O'Dwyer, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. O'Shea. The chanters were the Rev. John Griffin, C. C.; Rev. M. Murphy, C. C.; Rev. R. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. C.; and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, C. C. The mass was attended by a large section of the citizens and outside public. At the conclusion of the office for the dead, the remains were borne from the catafalque, on which they rested in front of the high altar to the hearse in waiting. The cortege then moved to the place of interment.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev. Andrew Murphy and Rev. John Murphy, O.S.A. (sons), Mr. Patrick Power, Clare Castle, and Mr. M. Fitzgerald (sons-in-law), Masters Fitzgerald, Riordan, and Power (grandsons), Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. James Fitzgerald, Mr. Matthew Hogan, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Mr. P. McInerney, and Mr. J. Lillis.

The clergy included besides those already mentioned: The Lord Bishop Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, who read the burial services; Very Rev. T. Shanahan, P. P., V. G., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm., St. John's Cathedral; Very Rev. Fr. Bannon, O. P., Prior; Rev. Fr. Deblig, O. P.; Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, O. S. A., Prior; Rev. Louis Brophy, O. P., Sub-Prior; Rev. Fr. Dandon, O. S. A.; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Dwane, C. C.; Very Rev. Father Maher, S. J., Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S. J.; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. O'Laverty, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Conway, P. P., St. Patrick's; Rev. D. Sanahan, P. P., St. Mary's; Rev. Fr. Cregan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hogan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Leary, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Donovan, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. Boylan, Provincial, C. SS. R.; Rev. J. Begley, C. C.; Rev. Michael O'Donnell, Adm., St. Michaels; Rev. J. Lee, C. C., do; Rev. S. O'Connor, C. C.; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. L. Gleeson, P. P., Parteen; Rev. R. Kirby, P. P., Patrickswell; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C. C.; Rev. A. O'Leary, The College; Rev. D. Keane, do; Rev. T. Hogan, do; Rev. Father Larkin, O. S. F.

The general public included:—Dr. J. O'Shaughnessy, D. L.; Messrs. James Quin, J. P.; John F. Power, Wm. Lloyd, T. M. Bourke, Ralph Nash, solr; J. Hogan (Shaws & Sons), Wm. Ebrill, T. Lillis, P. McInerney (Cannock & Co.), James H. Roche, T. F. Macauley, James Wallace, Thomas McSweeney, John Creagh, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Power, C. Devane, T. H. Cleeve, T. P. Cleeve, R. Walker, James Delaney, J. H. Forest, George O'Dea, James O'Mara, (McBirney & Co.), James Doyle, solr; M. Lawlor (Todd & Co.), J. Egan, R. Coremin, Stephen Hastings, solr.; Wm. N. Nolan, town clerk; Stephen Tobriay, P. Riordan, manager gas works; Wm. E. Corbett, C. E.; M. Moylett, J. Hughes, M. O'Connor, John Clune, J. P.; Henry O'Shea, J. J. F. Browne, C. E., and others.

The boys attached to St. Munchin's college formed the procession, and marched after the chief mourners.

PARIS EXPERT

LECTURES ON HOW TO ESCAPE IF BURIED ALIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The danger of being buried alive, according to the facts and statistics presented by Emile Canals, the Parisian expert, who has come to this country to exhibit a device for preventing this horrible accident, has aroused general interest in medical circles.

M. Canals lectured before the Medico-Legal society after their dinner at the St. Andrews' Hotel Wednesday night. The manager of the hotel refused to permit M. Canals to put up his apparatus, which is called "Karnice," and the lecturer was forced to dispense with illustrations from life. M. Canals does not speak English and the lecture was read by his assistant, M. Durand.

Five persons in every one thousand who are buried as dead revive in their coffins, according to the most trustworthy estimates. Up to the time of the invention of Count Carnicki, no means had been devised as a remedy.

"Karnice," the device, consists of a tube four inches in diameter and six feet long, with a metal box at the top. When in use the lower end of the tube is fitted hermetically into the coffin, or box, in which the body has been placed. When the coffin is buried the metal box rests on the surface of the ground.

A steel tube runs from the mechanism in the metal box through the axis of the tube down into the coffin, where it terminates in a round knob, which rests upon the chest of the body. Any movement of the body within the coffin moves the knob, which communicates with the mechanism in the box and releases a lever. The lever acts upon a spring, which rings an alarm bell, throws up a flag as a signal and opens up an air passage to the interior of the coffin.

If at the end of two weeks after a body has been buried the alarm signal has not been rung, the apparatus may be removed with safety.

At the close of his lecture M. Canals told through his interpreter the sensations which he experienced during a two hours' burial with a "Karnice" attachment to his coffin.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Jean Lamoureux the celebrated musical conductor, died yesterday after a two days' illness.

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A FIERCE FIGHT

Spike Sullivan Awarded the Decision Over Flaherty

SULLIVAN'S EAR WAS NEARLY TORN

Fighting Was Fast and Furious From Start

MIKE SEARS WON OVER DAVENPORT

Chas. Goff Defeated Geoffry Thorne of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—About 1000 people witnessed the 20-round contest between Spike Sullivan of Ireland and Martin Flaherty of Lowell at the Manhattan club last evening. Jimmie Colville of Boston was referee. Many sporting men from New York, Boston and other points were present. Sullivan was the favorite in the betting at 100 to 60.

Sullivan entered the ring at 9.50, Flaherty not appearing till 15 minutes later. A heated argument ensued about Sullivan wearing bandages on his hands, but he finally consented to take them off, walking to Flaherty's corner and throwing them at him. Time was called at 10.20.

Flaherty was the aggressor at the start, and had Sullivan on his knees when the gong sounded in the first round. The succeeding rounds were bitterly fought, Sullivan showing worse signs of punishment. His left ear was nearly torn off.

Flaherty was floored in the 20th round and nearly knocked out. Sullivan got the decision.

MIKE SEARS WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 22.—Mike Sears and Jimmy Davenport met in a 15-round bout at the Kirkland A. C. last night, and referee Jack Sheehan declared Sears the winner on points. A good crowd was present, and the boxing was of the spirited kind.

Before the boxers appeared in the ring a delegate from the Salvation Army, which has been decrying the sport, went among the members for contributions to help buy Christmas dinners for the poor people of Lynn. He received a large amount.

There was little difference in the weights of Davenport and Sears, but Davenport was in the better condition. For eight rounds Sears was the aggressor, and he landed fully three blows to Davenport's one. Several times Sears failed to take advantage of good openings, and had he directed more of his blows to Davenport's body instead of the head the bout might not have gone the limit.

Davenport did some clever parrying and dodging, but his blows did not seem to have much steam behind them.

After 10 rounds Sears began to tire, and Davenport landed oftener, but he could not overcome the lead that Sears had gained in the other rounds.

It is a big setback for Davenport to be declared the loser, for had he defeated Sears he was to have been taken to England and matched to box Jabez White at the National A. C.

BOUTS AT BROCKTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22.—At the monthly meeting of the Crescent Athletic club last night about 400 sports, including a carload from Taunton and a large delegation from Boston, saw three corking good sparring matches. The principal bout of the evening was between Maurice Rosenberg of Boston and Billy Berkley of Cambridge. They sparred 12 rounds. During the first six rounds Rosenberg was hard after Berkley's wind and was rather the more aggressive. Berkley countered repeatedly with hard swings at Rosenberg's jaw, but was met with a superb blocking game that was practically invulnerable.

During the last six rounds Rosenberg simply kept out of reach and forced Berkley to do all the leading. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Berkley rather jarred Rosenberg with a number of hot jabs on the jaw and bothered him with repeated assaults on the nose. Berkley's aggressiveness rather winded him and he was pretty tired at the bell of the last round. Rosenberg was not tired at all. The whole match, however, about evened up the men. After the bout it was found that Berkley had dislocated his thumb in the fourth round. Rosenberg's followers made fun for the crowd by trying to get away with the gloves.

The second go of importance was between Spike Haley of Boston and Young Tierney of Holbrook. Haley, who has quite a reputation, found the country boy a tough problem and a good ring general. Tierney had rather the better of the go. It lasted six rounds.

A four-round bout followed between John Murphy of Boston and Jim Marrow, a colored sparrer from Whitman. Early in the first round, Marrow pushed a hot one to Murphy's jaw that laid him low. The round was cut short. In the second round Marrow administered the same medicine and Murphy was forced to quit.

CHARLEY GOFF WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley Goff of California defeated the English middleweight boxer, Geoffrey Thorne, in less than two rounds before the Hercules A. C. in Brooklyn last night. The men met at catch weights, but there was very little difference in their respective weights. Both put up a fast fight from the first clang of the gong, each essaying left leads and right arm crosses. Towards the end of the first round Thorne went down from a right hand cross on the jaw. After three seconds he rose as aggressive as ever, giving Goff several facers before the bell. On the second round Goff went at his man in smash, bang style and with scarcely a committee back forced the pace in hurricane order, finally sending Thorne down and out with a left swinging smash on the jaw. Time of round, 5 seconds.

VETOES BILL

GOV. CANDLER OPPOSED TO QUACKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler, after a conference with many physicians yesterday vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the general assembly providing for the practice in this state of osteopathy, treating of the structural development of the bone. The physicians contended that osteopathists known nothing of materia medica while they would be given the right to prescribe medicine the same as a regular licensed physician, should the bill become operative.

GOLD GOING TO ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's financial expert says he understands that the Bank of England has made advances against £2,000,000 gold to arrive from New York, including Saturday's shipments.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of Lowell Council, Royal Arcanum, last night seven applications were received and six candidates were initiated.

Court Wamesit, F. of A., held its regular meeting last night. One candidate was initiated and two propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing term were elected.

Lowell lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting last night and received two propositions. Six candidates were also initiated. Officers were nominated to be elected at the next meeting.

Bay State Colony, Pilgrim Fathers, held its regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The third degree was conferred on several candidates last night at the regular meeting of Wannalancit Encampment, I. O. O. F. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

One candidate was initiated at the regular meeting of Excelsior lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., last night. Officers were elected for the ensuing term.

James A. Garfield, Woman's Relief Corps, held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

The regular meeting of the Westford Grange was held last evening, routine business being transacted. The usual entertainment followed.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

WITH SHAKESPEARE.

Last evening, the members of the Grace Church Literary society enjoyed a delightful time with Shakespeare. The great author's famous character of King Richard the Third was discussed at length and many new characteristics of the man who was born before his time were brought to light. The evening's study was one of the most enjoyable of the season's events thus far.

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GERMAN WARSHIP

Entered Port au Prince Yesterday

ITS ARRIVAL CAUSED COMMOTION

Haytien Judges Refuse to Perform Duties

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 8.—The German warship Nixe entered this port yesterday, coming from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. The ship which has a crew of 350 sailors and marines, and mounts 17 guns, saluted the Haytian flag. The salute was returned by the forts. The arrival of the Nixe caused a general commotion among the population, owing to the fact that it occurred on the day before the anniversary of the threatened bombardment of Port au Prince by the Germans two years ago, at the time of the Luders affair and the people believed that the Nixe had been sent here to enforce the immediate settlement of another dispute in which a German resident of this city named Tippenhauer is at present interested.

It is quite possible that the unexpected arrival of the foreign warship has no relation to the dispute in question. But according to the suppositions freely expressed by Haytian patriots since the anchoring of the Nixe it may eventuate into an international question of the most important character. They recall that the claim or "reclamation" presented some time ago by the German minister, Dr. Michahelles, apropos of the refusal of the civil tribunal of Port au Prince to pronounce a sentence in the Tippenhauer affair, is still pending. Dr. Michahelles maintains that if the Haytien judges refuse to occupy themselves with the affairs of parties amenable to their jurisdiction, a kind of special court should be established at the legation, to pronounce upon law suits which may hereafter originate between subjects of Germany residing in Hayti. It is said, however, that such action would amount to a judicial violation of the Monroe doctrine about which the patriots add: "The United States would surely have something to say."

HARRIS' RECORD

Well Known Criminal Identified by Watts

IS CHARGED WITH STEALING $8000

Will be Held for Pittsburg Officers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A man known to the police as "Doc" Harris, who was arrested here last night, was identified today by Chief Watts as a criminal with a long record. The police say he is wanted in Pittsburg, Pa., for stealing from the store of A. E. Siedle, a tray of diamonds valued at $800. Chief Watts today notified the police of Pittsburg of the capture of Harris and he will be held until an officer arrives to take him back.

In 1884 Harris was arrested in Lynn for robbery and sent to the Ipswich jail for a year. After two months he escaped. He was caught in Chicago and brought back and given a year extra for jail breaking. A short time later he again escaped. On July 2, 1885, he was arrested in New York and sent away for a year. On September 26, 1885, after being released for good conduct from the Eastern penitentiary, he was caught in Manchester, N. H., and given a sentence of six months. In October, 1888, he was captured in Newburyport and sent back to the Ipswich jail to finish out his sentence for jail breaking. After his release he got into trouble in other states.

TRAINS COLLIDE

Eleven Cars Were Destroyed By Fire

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Dec. 21.—Two locomotives and eleven cars were totally wrecked in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, near here today. The debris caught fire and eleven cars were destroyed. The train hands jumped, and and all escaped serious injury.

KITCHENER'S TRAIN DERAILED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAIRO, Dec. 21.—The train conveying General Lord Kitchener, now on his way from the Soudan to South Africa, via this city, was derailed north of Luxor. Happily, it only retarded the general's arrival here.

ENTERED BY BURGLARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 21.—The store of John Sleeper at Plaistow, N. H., in which is situated the post office, was entered by burglars during the night. Little of value was taken although a considerable amount of goods was found piled up on the floor, the men having evidently left in a hurry.

TWO SEIZURES

MADE BY INSPECTORS THIS AFTERNOON.

The liquor inspectors did good work this afternoon, making two seizures. The first one was made at Thomas J. Lynch's house in Crowley street, off Moore, where they seized three cases of beer and a quantity of wine and whiskey. The second one was made at a small store at 67 Charles street, owned by Gilman Litman. Here they seized two half barrels of ale.

CANDIDATE FOR SELECTMAN.

Michael Whelton, a former surveyor of highways in Dracut and one of the best known democrats in the town, has announced his candidacy for selectman. He has a strong following in Collinsville, where he lives, and stands an excellent chance of landing the nomination and being elected.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

RAILROAD MEN

Attended Interstate Commerce Commission Hearing

RATES OF FREIGHT DISCUSSED

Argued That They are Getting Lower

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A hearing was begun today by the Interstate commerce commission in the matter of changes in freight classification and advances in freight rates by carriers using the official classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification by carriers have been agreed upon to take effect on Jan. 1, 1900. To determine this question the session of today was held. Many of the most prominent railroad freight officials and shippers of the eastern part of the country attended the hearing.

At the opening, C. E. Gill of New York, chairman of the official classification committee was put upon the stand.

He said that the committee was satisfied that the proposed advances were necessary and he intimated that for the same reason, still further advances would probably have to be made, upon many articles Mr. Gill maintained that existing rates of freight were unjustifiably low.

Mr. Gill maintained that the proposed new classifications generally speaking were restorations of freight rates that prevailed when commercial and trade conditions were similar to what they now are. It was his belief and that of his colleagues on the classification committee that the recent marked advance in the price of railway equipment and operation, in steel rails and all forms of steel and iron, etc., rendered it necessary for the railroads in a degree proportionately to advance freight rates. He said freight rates had been on a gradually descending scale for about 20 years but he was unable to say whether the proposed new rates would be higher or lower than the rates which prevailed in 1892.

In a statement to the commission, W. A. Day, attorney for the commission, said that a comparison of the proposed rates on certain specific articles showed that the new rates would be higher than ever existed since the commission was created.

BOERS MODERATE

IN REGARD TO PEACE CONDITIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions.

"The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lorenzo Marquez."

ENGLISH ALARM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21—There was no news from South Africa up to 3 p. m., other than fragments of disconnected stories of past events. This silence is having the natural effect of creating forebodings.

The splendid patriotism of the volunteers continued to be evidenced on all sides. The newspapers note with satisfaction the effect that this display of British spirit and evidence of the sources the empire is able to command is having on continental critics. The Westminster Gazette, however, sounds a note of alarm. It thinks the moment is peculiarly unpropitious to send abroad the home defenders, since no one is quite easy as to the effect it will have upon Great Britain's European neighbors.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice went by train from Windsor to Farnborough this morning and spent an hour with ex-Empress Eugenie.

The Queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting those stories appears in the papers which announced that it has never been Her Majesty's habit to display grief like a hysterical school girl.

GENERAL ROBERTS' MESSAGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The parting message which General Lord Roberts sent yesterday through The Associated Press to the American people is republished in London today and occupied the foremost place in the afternoon papers here which characterize the straight, simple words as eminently soldierly and as having the ring, which, it is claimed, should mark the relations between the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Although it arrived too late for usual display headlines show that his references to America's friendliness and Canada's patriotism and his reconciliation of the charges of Irish disloyalty are widely approved.

TAKE 44 PRISONERS

BOERS STATE THAT THEIR LOSS WAS SMALL—BRITISH ASK ARMISTICE TO BURY THE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRITISH CAMP AT CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 19.—There was heavy firing this morning at Ladysmith.

Col. G. M. Bullock of the 1st Devonshires, three of his officers and 40 of his men, were taken prisoners by Boers flying a flag of truce and looking for their wounded.

An ambulance train is taking the British who were wounded in yesterday's (Friday's) battle at the Tugela river to Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg.

ON LONDON CHANGE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21—Business on the stock exchange started steadier on the announcement that the bank rate was not raised. France sent buying orders but sellers were too numerous. The market collapsed and the announcement of the rise of the French bank rate led to the general disorganization and an avalanche of forced sales. Consols dropped ⅝ to 95⅝ for the account and for money.

WOMAN DENTIST.

Miss Bertha J. Davis of Dracut Centre, formerly of 51 Grove street, has returned home to spend the holidays, from her studies in Baltimore, where she is attending the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the oldest dental college in the world. Miss Davis graduated from the Lowell High school in the class of '91 and has been well and popularly known for the past three years as dental assistant in one of our local dental offices. We think Miss Davis is the first Lowell lady to matriculate and to be graduated from a regularly authorized dental college and Lowell people should be proud of the fact.

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SAMOAN TROUBLE

Has Not Been Reported by U. S. Counsul

REPORT OF TROUBLE EXAGGERATED

Germany Makes an Official Statement

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following statement is made by the official German authorities here:

"A press telegram of the 13th inst. from Apia, via Auckland, reports that the German consul in Apia has solemnly proclaimed the pending annexation of Samoa by Germany to a number of Samoan chiefs on board the German man-of-war and that on the same he hoisted the German flag on the supreme court.

"This report does not cover the reports received in Berlin from the German consul in Apia, according to the instructions which he has received from Berlin, it seems to be absolutely untrue.

"The German consul has likewise wired on the 13th inst., but he simply states that certain Tamu chiefs have refused to pay the head tax imposed by the three consuls, hence they had been ordered to leave the district by the thirteen chiefs. The three consuls have instructed the 13 chiefs to send the aggressors to Apia for trial. This has been agreed upon."

The state department has had no message from our consul at Apia to confirm the reports of fresh trouble in Samoa and this fact is regarded as sufficient to show that any slight disturbance that may have occurred has been very much exaggerated in the report. The officials are confident that whatever trouble may occur will not be chargeable to the German officials.

WAS FOUND DEAD

Peter Boden Shot Himself Through Heart

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Peter Brodeur, 56 years of age, was found dead in his room at the Brunswick Hotel here today. He had shot himself through the heart. He left two letters, one addressed to "Mr. Potter, back of Main street, Woonsocket, R. I.," and the other to "Pamphil Delporte, Pascoag, R. I." They have been mailed. Mr. Brodeur had been here about two weeks. He said he was last employed as a boss finisher in Holyoke, Mass.

THE MAINE HEROES

Their Bodies Placed on the Warship

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies. The bodies were newly coffined and placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed. At 10 o'clock last night 32 wagons formed a mournful procession carrying 251 coffins to the Machina wharf. The bodies reached the wharf at 11.30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas, and were placed aboard two steam lighters before daylight and were taken to the warship at 6 a. m.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 21.—The social democrats held a celebration in this city last night over their success in the recent elections, when they elected the mayor, three aldermen and three councilmen. All the speeches were of a socialistic nature.

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

JUROR'S QUESTION

Answered by Expert Kinsley in Molineux Trial

TYRRELL ON THE STAND AGAIN

His Examination by Attorney Osborne Begun

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—When the Molineux trial was resumed today, handwriting expert William J. Kinsley was recalled for a short time to answer several questions asked by Foreman Martin just as he was leaving the stand, last Tuesday. The foreman had asked the expert what he meant by "Dissimulated handwriting." Mr. Kinsley said today that by a dissimulated hand he meant one that was produced when a man attempted to form a complete, new hand, to write less like his own hand than like another's. Mr. Kinsley then told the jurors of the handwriting specimens secured and examined by him in this case. He told them that he had secured specimens from several persons which he examined sufficiently to satisfy him that they had nothing to do with the poison package address.

Mr. Tyrrell's examination was then begun. Mr. Osborne asked him to illustrate by crayon the word "Find" in exhibit "2" the admitted writing of the defendant and "H" and the latter being a request for a marriage guide, signed H. C. Barnet. He was asked if he thought they were of the same mental conception, differing only in mechanical form, and replied in the affirmative. He was asked if he thought it were possible for any two persons to write the word "Find" the same as it was written in the two exhibits, that is—writing the first three letters and then a break; then forming the final letter. He replied that he thought it quite possible. He was asked to take the same word in several other exhibits and reproduce it.

When he did so, Mr. Osborne asked: "Now, Mr. Tyrrell, what do you find about these words?"

"I find that indications of the mental conception are practically inexhaustive."

The witness was next asked to illustrate certain words from the poison package address, exhibit "D," the Harpster-Cornish letter "C" and "L" two letters signed "Barnet," and "21" and "40" of the admitted specimens. He thought they were all of the same mental conception and betrayed a similarity of mechanical formation. The witness next placed on the blackboard the several capital "F's" in the poison package address and exhibits "15," "22" and "27" of admitted specimens and said he found in them similar elements in the matter of mental conception and mechanical form. He said he thought they all had been written by the same hand, and that the hand of the defendant.

The witness was asked if he considered the oval letters an important point. He said that he did and that it was in his judgment, one of the most important points in establishing the identity of the writer of the poison package address and the disputed Barnet-Cornish letters. The witness said he also considered it important that when the defendant wrote by request he failed to make the usual and characteristic break. The recorder at this point asked the witness to illustrate by crayon the two initial "C's" in the words "Cornish" and "Club" in the poison package address.

Then Mr. Osborne asked the witness to take the "C" in the word "Can" in two or three of the admitted specimens and compare it with the "C" in "Club" in the poison package address. He was then asked to explain to the jury what he thought to be the dominating traits of resemblance between the specimens and what he thought concerning the identity of the writer of them all.

He said they thought they were all in the same handwriting. Mr. Tyrrell was then asked if he knew the handwriting of Harry S. Cornish. He replied that he had seen him write three or four times. He was then asked to identify one of several specimens of the Cornish writings, but Mr. Weeks objected and the court sustained the objection.

Mr. Osborne strenuously pleaded with the court to allow him to identify and place them in evidence as standards of comparison for the purpose of proving that Cornish did not write the forged Cornish letters.

After much argument, the recorder removed the ruling previously made in reference to the sustaining of Mr. Weeks' objection, and allowed Mr. Osborne to put the question to the witness as to the handwriting of Cornish. The witness identified the handwriting that was marked "People exhibit No. 1, prime" as being that of Cornish.

This closed the re-direct examination of Mr. Tyrell and the cross-examination was begun by Mr. Weeks. The first thing the defense asked of witness was to write in his ordinary certified hand the word "Sentence" on the blackboard. Mr. Tyrell complied with the request and was then asked to recite the incidents pursuant to his being called into this case as an expert in handwriting. He told Mr. Weeks that on April 3d, 1899, he received a telegram from the district attorney to the effect that the Molineux case was set for a certain date and asking him to come to New York at once, which he did. This was, he said, the first intimation he had of the fact that he was expected to examine handwritings.

Recess.

PARTED 50 YEARS

WILL BE REUNITED CHRISTMAS DAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two brothers and a sister who were parted for nearly fifty years will meet on Christmas day at New Brunswick, N. J.

On the birth of James Farrington at Bordentown, almost half a century ago, his mother died. The father broke up his home and apprenticed his two boys, one of whom was Patrick, to the Raritan Canal company.

The baby, James, and his sister Anna, were placed with relatives. Several years after the father married again and took Anna to St. Louis. James was buried out.

When the war began James enlisted, and when it ended settled at Iowa Falls, Iowa. He grew prosperous and became an alderman. He attended the recent Grand Army encampment at Philadelphia and went from there to Bordentown to get some tidings of his family.

He there heard of Patrick Farrington, of New Brunswick, and they compared notes and found they were brothers. Patrick then went west with his brother.

The story of the reunion was published in the newspapers and was read by their sister Anna.

James Farrington has written to friends at New Brunswick to tell them that Anna is coming to live with him at Iowa Falls, she being in Philadelphia, married and well to do.

The two brothers are on their way east to meet their sister on Monday.

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THE LAWTON FUND

Its Promoters Expect to Raise $25,000

SEVERAL LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

A War Department Clerk Heads the List

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Adjutant-General Corbin, at the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late General Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to co-operate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeals issued yesterday.

General Charles King telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee might count on a proper response from that city to the appeal. The brokerage firm of Worden & Co. of New York has voluntarily undertaken to collect funds on the stock exchange. The committee aims to collect at least $25,000.

The first contribution in Washington came from a clerk in the war department, who gave $2 from his salary to start the list of contributions.

General Corbin received a telegram from General R. A. Alger saying:

"I send $100 for the Lawton fund."

Major-General Shafter at San Francisco telegraphed that he will do everything in his power to help Mrs. Lawton.

A telegram was received from Mel H. Hamilton of Milwaukee, saying that the citizens of that city authorized him to offer $1000.

Other contributions received this morning are as follows:

Secretary John Hay, $100; Assistant Secretary H. C. Taylor, $100; Mr. Addison Porter, $100; McCoskery Butt of New York, $100.

The Riggs National Bank of this city has been designated as the depository of the Lawton fund.

BIG FIRE

DESTROYED $25,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

IOLA, Kan., Dec. 21.—Fire, which started in the north end of the kiln room today, destroyed $25,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanton Zinc company of Lanyonville, five miles east of Iola. The 200 foot metal lined smoke stack fell, killing two men working on it. The men were Jesse Matthews and J. H. Schaub, both married. No one else was injured.

MARIED WOMAN

ORDERED TO ATTEND SCHOOL BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Charles Comiso, a married woman, has been ordered by the school board of Hempstead, L. I., to attend school. She says she won't because she has her household duties to perform.

The president of the board, Robert Dibble, has his bulldog lined up, and asserts that he will force Mrs. Comiso to go to school, even if it takes every member of the National Guard in the state of New York to take her there. He has written to State Inspector Sims, at Albany, asking for immediate help in carrying out the school law, which the young woman defies.

Mrs. Comiso will not be 16 years old until April 15. She was Stella Rising, daughter of a farmer living near Valley Stream, and became a wife two months ago. Under the law persons between 14 and 16 years old must attend school 40 days every session.

"We shall push the matter to the bitter end," says President Dibble who is known as a very determined man.

"I am a married woman and I decline to go to school," says Mrs. Comiso; "why I should get the laugh from all the girls! My husband says if I go to school he'll go also and make them teach him too."

She is a pretty girl, small for her age, but very determined.

OPENING RECITAL

THE NEW ORGAN AT CHELMSFORD UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Last evening at the Unitarian church, Chelmsford, a large audience was assembled to listen to the first public exhibition of the new pipe organ built by E. W. Lane, Waltham and delivered last week. A full description of the instrument was given in a recent issue of Our paper. Under the skilful manipulation of Mr. Fred T. Pearce of Waltham, organist, the following points of excellence in the voicing of the organ, as claimed by the builder, were fully brought out: the roundness and fullness of the open diapason; the exquisite delicacy of the dulciana; the mellowness of the melodia; the imitative quality of the flute; the fine string effect of the viol d'orchestre and other stringed stops; the deep pervading quality of the pedal bourdon and the grandeur and power of the "full organ."

Before the close of the recital, Rev. Granville Pierce, pastor of the society, spoke words of commendation of the labors of the organ committee and expressed his personal gratification with the liberal contributions both by resident and non-resident friends.

He gave the credit to his immediate predecessor, Rev. J. A. Chase, now of Lancaster, N. H., who, during his pastorate by active solicitation secured the nucleus of the organ fund.

A letter of congratulation was read from Mr. Chase. Mr. Pierce spoke fittingly of the power and uplifting influence of organ music.

The program which was most enjoyable was as follows: Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt's vocal numbers being given with the purity of tone and clear articulation which are always expected of her.

1. March ..... Gounod
2. Fantasia, Cantabile, Finale, ... Lemmens
3. Solo, "Come, Ever Smiling Liberty," ..... Handel
   Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt.
4. Song of Hope ..... Bullard
5. Overture, Zanetta ..... Auber
6. Solo, "Go Softly, Go Safely" ..... Tucker
7. Intermezzo ..... Guilmant
8. Festivale ..... Welly

The committee in charge of securing subscriptions and placing the contract for the organ, and to whom much credit is due for faithful and effective service are Wm. H. Hall, Joseph E. Warren, Harry L. Parkhurst, Miss Emma L. Parkhurst.

KILLED HIMSELF

EXTRAVAGANT WIFE DRIVES A MAN TO SUICIDE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—With a sentimental editorial carefully folded in the same envelope as a farewell letter to his wife, Edward G. Williams, 51 years of age, a resident of Brooklyn, committed suicide in a room at the Claremont Hotel at that borough yesterday by shooting in the left breast. Papers found in his pocket showed he had up to last spring been treasurer of the Ivers & Williams company of New York, manufacturers of hardwood and iron toys with a factory at Bridgeport. In the letter to his wife Williams accused her of having ruined him financially by her extravagance, and then turned against him in his poverty.

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POLICE PENSIONS

Mayor Crowley Approved the Order Yesterday

THE LOCAL ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

In a Dilemma About Contradictory Orders

Mayor Crowley yesterday placed his signature to the police pension order and Chap. 378 of the acts of 1892, is adopted and is operative whenever the police board chooses to take advantage of it.

Mayor Crowley has signed the order for the removal of electric light and telephone poles on Andover street and placing the wires underground.

The Lowell Electric Light company authorizes the statement that it will cheerfully and promptly comply with whatever orders are given it by the city.

There is an ordinance, however, which provides that no street after being macadamized shall be torn up within five years. Andover street has been macadamized recently and therefore, cannot be ripped up for five years. Thus the Electric Light company appears to be in the position of Chimmie Fadden when he said: "Wot t'ell!"

PRESENTED A WATCH.

The members of the local councils of the United States Indemnity Order last evening presented R. E. Magee, state lecturer and local organizer with a beautiful full jeweled gold watch. A good social time followed the presentation.

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D. L. MOODY DEAD

The Great Evangelist Has Passed Away

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, died at his home here at noon today.

A BOY ARRESTED

Alleged to Have Snatched a Pocketbook

A boy giving his name as Lindsey Bennett was arrested on Central street early last evening by Matt McCann of the liquor squad after a lively chase. It is alleged that Bennett, who is only a juvenile, snatched a pocketbook from a small girl in Merrimack square and then tried to escape. Officer McCann, who was in citizen's clothes spied him and gave chase and the boy was quickly overtaken.

Officer Frank Fox arrested a Pole giving his name as Maurice Goodman in Pawtucketville yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock for peddling without a license. He was peddling tinware at various houses in Pawtucketville.

CONSUL HAY BUSY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, formally received at the United States embassy today a number of relatives of British officers who came to make special requests regarding the prisoners at the Transvaal capital.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS

How the Local Company Has Grown

When the management of the Lowell Electric light corporation changed last February it passed into the hands of men whose sole business is the management of electric light and street railway properties. These men are managing properties of this class all over the United States, extending as far south as Tampa and as far west as Seattle. The securities and stock of the corporation are owned by the most substantial business men of this commonwealth, and who invest their money in properties of this character, not with an idea of speculation, but to obtain a good solid investment. They realize that to make this investment secure the property must be improved and kept in first class shape, the service bettered and the rates for current made as low as circumstances will allow, in order to induce a large use of their product.

It is not strange then that as soon as these men secured the stock of this corporation that their first act was to pass the April dividend, which had been paid regularly for the past several years, and apply money to improving the property. A large proportion of this money was put in circulation in this city by the employment of extra men to work on the lines and in the plant of the company. These improvements have been going on during the summer and fall, resulting in a great improvement in the service. The demand for electric light during this fall has been greater than ever before in the history of the company, and at no time has the company's construction department been able to keep up with its work in connecting in new customers. The demand on the manufacturers of electrical apparatus by the Lowell Co. for new lamps has been so great that it has been impossible for the manufacturers to fill orders promptly and the result has been that considerable delay has been caused to new customers in getting their lights installed as promptly as they wished.

A thorough reorganization of the operating force of the company was the first move of the new management. This has taken time and patience, but the results have justified it. In all cases preference was given to Lowell men, and in two cases the company sent men to the factory at its own expense to enable them to acquire knowledge so they could assume charge of some department. The heads of all the departments are Lowell men who are well known to the public, the last new one employed being the cashier, Mr. A. A. Wright, formerly of the First National bank.

Moving the office to its new location at the corner of Bridge and Paige streets, where customers could find it and where it would be more convenient to attend to trouble calls, was another move toward improvement.

Since last April the company have had inspectors on duty day and night at the office, so that any trouble could be immediately attended to. These men have been put in uniform and are familiar to the citizens of Lowell, with their caps, blue suits and brass buttons.

Probably the most decided improvement in the service has been the question of incandescent lamps. The company's rate was originally ten (10) cents per Kilo Watt, and the customer bought his own lamps. This resulted in the use of all kinds and makes of incandescent lamps, nine-tenths of which were a cheap lamp that gave insufficient light and took an excessive amount of current. Beginning with last June the company changed the rate from 10 cents to 11 cents per Kilo Watt and furnished all incandescent lamps free to its customers. They made a contract with the largest manufacturers of incandescent lamps in the country, who undoubtedly make the best lamp on the market. These lamps are now being furnished by the company free of expense to the consumer in place of all lamps that burn out and also in place of lamps that become black. By this method customers' lamps are always kept clean and bright.

Private telephone lines were run between the office, plant, repair shop, stock room and line foreman's house, to facilitate the operation of the station.

The plant and repair shop have been thoroughly overhauled and the lines rebuilt where needed.

The introduction of the incandescent arc lamp has furnished to the stores of Lowell the best and cheapest light of modern times. The company had already installed 200 of these lamps this fall and the demand has been so great that they have found it impossible to get the lamps fast enough from the manufacturers. These lamps are used on the meter basis, the customer paying for what he uses, the company doing all wiring and installing them free of expense on a year's contract. These lamps furnish to a customer a candle power of light for a less amount of money than any other known illuminant in the world.

The last improvement made by the company has been the putting on of two night inspectors, who patrol the streets all night to watch the city arc lamps and keep the same constantly going. These men each have a horse and wagon and carry extra lamps, globes, etc., so they can readily replace defective lamps with new ones. This was done voluntarily by the company at great expense without any request or solicitation on the part of the city authorities, and demonstrates more than anything else the methods pursued by this company to constantly better its service.

A reference to the report of the Gas & Electric light commissioners for the year 1898 will show a comparison of rates for incandescent lights between Lowell and other cities in Massachusetts. This scale will show that the subscribers of Lowell are receiving electric light for less money than in any other city in the state.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

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Men's and Boys' Suspenders.

Men's and Boys' Neckwear.

Alligator Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Seal Bags, Pocketbooks, Pine Stone Pompadour Combs, Empress Combs, Side Combs, Fancy Hat Pins, Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Buttons, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors Ladies' Aluminum Companion will not tarnish, Fancy Box Perfume, Sachet Powder, Soap, William H. Brown's fine Perfumes, Tooth Powder, Gents' Sleeve Elastics.

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SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

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Or it May End in the "GRIP."

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Every Mother should have Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in the house for croup, colds, sore throat, tonsilitis, colic, cuts, bruises, cramps and pains liable to occur in any family as long as life has woes.

Treatment for colds. For an adult, saturate a dessert spoonful of sugar with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, and eat it slowly, repeating the dose two or three times daily, and especially on retiring. For children, use a teaspoonful of sugar and about ten to twenty drops of the Liniment, according to age.

PLEASANT TO TAKE DROPPED ON SUGAR

If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

is found in the wrappers around each bottle of Johnson's Liniment. It will cure la grippe quicker than any known remedy. A mild nutritious diet, a gentle physic to free the secretions, and a bottle of that old Anodyne from your druggist, will conquer any case, and perhaps save you from something worse.

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Nothing pleases the boy or girl more than Eastmann's Kodaks, Full line and all the leading makes.

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SPECIAL TO CHRISTMAS BUYERS.

Our store is teeming with useful and always acceptable presents for men, ladies, girls, boys and everybody. We name a few for suggestion, but would suggest further that you call and see for yourself. A few specialties:

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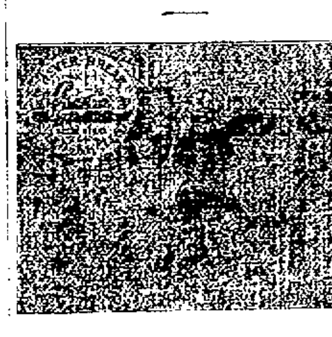

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THE VALUE OF INTUITION.

Christmas gift buying is liable to tax the judgment of the ablest mind. Men sometimes make a successful hit at the business, but as a rule, their efforts are a dismal failure—it is the realm of women. Their delicate sense of intuition makes them adepts at the business.

Their skill is clearly shown in selecting men's furnishings, notably neckwear. Some are posted on where to find the kinds that fill their imagination, others who are not but are guided by the intuitive taste—you can follow them from store to store, watch them endure vexatious delays, elbow their way through crowds of shoppers, until they land on the selections that suit. The writer saw such an example this week and the fair purchaser calmly turned down the neckwear shown her until she came to what is now known as Fashion Corner, opposite city hall. By this time, the writer became interested in her judgment and awaited results. Well, figuratively speaking, after she once started she sailed in first on neckwear, then gloves, on mufflers, handkerchiefs, suspenders, dress shields, umbrellas and finally she went over to where the dress suit cases were and I gave up the pursuit.

NO CONVERTS LEFT

MISSIONARIES COULD MAKE NO HEADWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—W. W. Simpson and A. W. Lagerquist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York arrived on the Idzumi Maru from Thibet. Before leaving there in August last, Mr. Simpson says the mission at Paongan was completely demolished by armed natives headed by Budhist priests. Rev. G. T. Shields and wife wer in charge, barely escaped.

After three years work not a single convert to Christianity has been obtained. The Buddhist priests, owing to China's internal troubles, are in absolute control.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

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Possesses every quality that gelatine should have. Its perfect purity and cleanliness are apparent as soon as you open the package. Its convenience is evident the minute you dissolve it (dissolves readily and quickly in *hot water*—making a clear, firm jelly). The most prominent chefs praise and have written many recipes for Keystone Silver White Gelatine. Leading cooking authorities indorse its purity and convenience; experienced housewives appreciate its great economy—package makes one-third more jelly than the same quantity of any other gelatine.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Its Attic Is an Old Curiosity Shop

THE PRESIDENT'S UNACCEPTABLE GIFTS

Are All Stored in the Garrot

The trash of one generation makes the treasure of another. Nothing could be stronger proof of this than a visit to the the great, dim garret of the White House the place to which are consigned discarded and useless articles, old-fashioned and broken-down pieces of furniture, as well as the trunks and other private property of the president and his family. The presence of the latter articles makes it almost impossible for anyone, save the president's family, to gain admission, as it is considered one of the most private sections of the executive mansion. Unlike the proverbial garret, it has no winding, rickety staircase. The only means of access to this interesting and rarely frequented part of the White House is a modern elevator running from the domestic quarters of the mansion. This elevator was put in solely for the purpose of economizing space.

During Cleveland's administration the old staircase was knocked out and several rooms were built for the use of the president's household. This proved a convenient addition to the rather restricted quarters. The garret covers the entire floor plan of the building. The entrance, in the west wing, is above the president's ante-room. The first view to greet the eye upon entering the long, dark room, is the white rafters, massive supporters, erected after the White House was burned by the English in 1812. To the north of the entrance is a great stack of trunks. There are big trunks, and little trunks, some cloth covered, others of leather, Saratoga and steamer trunks. There are bandboxes, valises, and satchels—all the receptacles of wearing apparel and treasures of President McKinley and his family.

One fact attracts attention. Every trunk and satchel that was marked at all, bore simply the lettering:

W. McK.,
CANTON, OHIO,

or

McK.,
CANTON, O.

East of this stack of trunks is a room partitioned off and under lock and key. In it are found many valuable gifts sent to the president, which he feels he cannot accept in his personal capacity. At present there are gifts of almost every description which have been sent to the president and Mrs. McKinley during the three years past.

The first article to be seen is a large, white satin, hand-painted banner, presented to the president last year by the citizens of Havana, Cuba. In the centre is painted a splendid likeness of Mr. McKinley, and to his right the stars and stripes are gracefully draped, while to his left is unfurled the flag of Cuba. Beneath this an inscription is made of pure gold bullion letters, and around the banner is a fringe of the same costly material. Beneath the banner stands a peculiar inlaid wooden table, on which is placed a miniature representation of the Washington monument, exquisitely wrought in mosaic. At the base, as if for a corner stone, are these words: "Christmas, 1897."

On a stand of gilt is an expensive toilet fater set. It is of gold, with artistic little wreaths of roses holding in place four cut glass toilet bottles. An effective handle is formed by natural twisted vines with little buds and tendrils peeping here and there. This elegant present was sent to Mrs. MacKinley last Christmas.

Resting on a pile of boxes back of the gilt stand is a life-size portrait of the president. It is a splendid piece of work. The background is of dark, uncertain greenish shade. The head is turned slightly to one side, and seems to be gazing straight into the eye of the looker-on.

A morocco case holds a set of gold and silver toilet articles, consisting of comb, brush, mirror, hat brush, clothes brush and manicure set. There are other gifts of like character and of more or less value. There is a bronze lamp on a base of onyx with an old rose crystal shade, also an inlaid music stand. There can be seen pieces of fancy work, carved wood, tapestries, paintings and embroidery. Mysterious-looking packages and boxes are scattered around. These are not allowed to be opened. Among them is a box about three feet long, resembling in shape and build a miniature coffin. It is made of beautifully grained and highly polished dark wood. On top in heavy relief is a representation wrought in solid silver, the shield of the United States. On the side of this mysterious box is a plate bearing the inscription:

"Presented to President McKinley, Christmas, 1897."

It is an odd-looking piece, and there is no telling what is inside of it, but it has been said that it holds a political effigy.

Outside this curiosity shop are several other rooms. One contains all kinds of musty old documents sent up from the different offices of the executive mansion, when there is no longer room or use for them. A cedar room holds during the summer the winter clothing, and in winter the summer apparel of the president and his family. In the east wing of the garret is stored a miscellaneous lot of furniture of styles ranging from the times of '61. There are two antique walnut bedsteads in the light and dark grains of the wood. These two pieces of furniture were in the White House during Lincoln's administration, and since that period, as the fashions have changed have gradually worked themselves from the guests' chambers to the servants' room, and from servants' room to the garret.

There are also several delicately built mahogany chairs. Years ago these were used in the east room. The upholstering is badly worn, and the coloring faded until it is almost impossible to discern the original pattern and shading. It may have been old rose, or, as the pattern indicates its birth in the days of lavender, it is more likely that the colors were in that dainty court shade. The handsomest piece of furniture in the attic is a large inlaid cabinet. The groundwork is of rosewood, with roses, lilies and forget-me-nots, all sprouting from the same root and inlaid in mother-of-pearl and silver. This piece is very much out of repair, and, as it was not needed in any of the drawing rooms, it was consigned to the old attic.

During the summer, when a great many improvements were made in and about the White House, a lot of stuff was sent up to the attic—rolls of half-used carpet, useless chairs, boxes of curtains and some mirrors and pictures. Some of the last were views of Washington, several photographs an a few engravings.

An antique bookcase and writing desk formerly used in the president's office, but since replaced by more modern fixtures, has been stored here. Battered file cases and cumbersome newspaper files, with some winding desk chairs of the style of about 20 years ago.

All sorts of banged up odds and ends of furniture are piled in order. Everything is as clean as it is possible for things to be in a garret. There is a room full of old newspapers. Once a year this room is cleaned out and its contents sold by the wagon load as old newspapers. At the south side of the garret is a little barred door. By its side is a large pine box with an American flag spread over it. The box contains about two dozen such flags, which are used for decorating on holidays. The last time these flags were unfurled was to honor Admiral Dewey. The little barred door, leads to the roof of the south portico, and from there by steps to the top of the house, where standing beneath the flagpole, one gets a magnificent view of the nation's capital.

The custom of storing away presents sent to presidents found its origin during the infant days of our government, and each successive president has consigned some treasures to the locker in the attic. Toward the close of each administration the contents of this locker are sold, and thus this old storehouse is emptied and replenished.

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Easy to Cook,
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Easy to Digest
Quaker Oats
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A WRITER

REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, TAKES ISSUE WITH THE CITIZEN.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly allow me space to say a few words in reply to "Man About Town" of the Citizen, who so kindly explained the license question in relation to the common people. How about the people who are not common, have they ever been educated up so as they do not care for a glass of beer? We read of how a barrel of beer was found in Pat Murphy's barn, but never of how many barrels of wine Mr. Vere de Vere has in his cellar, and if he indulges quite freely that is perfectly right and proper. How many of the higher class vote no license? Few, I think; but then, they have all they want no matter which way the question goes. I consider it a disgrace to let our city go for license this year. Even if we did have higher taxes why people should be willing to put out more money if we can rid ourselves of such a nuisance.

It seems to me if what we lack is education some of our cultured people should give a series of receptions to the common people and teach us how to appear well, they could lock up the wine cellar and entertain us at their homes, and the Women's Middlesex club could follow it up with a course of lectures on music and art, we do not expect all would attend but those who did would exert a refining influence over those with whom they work and associate, and in time we should see Browning take the place of beer and the people would reach a state of culture only equalled by Boston. Here are the common people, and now is the accepted time.

COMMON PEOPLE.

ONE SIDED MAN

ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH BUT IN ONE SIDE OF HIS BODY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Attached to the orderlies of the Pennsylvania hospital is a man who has lost a large part of the framework of one side of his body under the surgeon's knife, and yet who [illegible] well and claims to feel in good health.

[illegible] Alfred Taylor, 60 years old, an English sailor. He is minus his left arm, his left shoulder blade, his collar bone and part of four ribs. Taylor arrived in Philadelphia aboard a tramp steamer in April last, suffering from what was diagnosed by Dr. Robret Lecoute, the chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania hospital as a case of osteo sarcoma. A careful examination showed the man's arm, shoulder blade and collar bone to be affected.

Taylor consented to an operation in the face of almost certain death. For five and a half hours he was under anaesthetics. The doctors then regarded their work completed, but a discovery that the first four ribs on the left side were diseased at the ends called the knife again into play.

For nearly three months Taylor was carefully nursed and watched, mending gradually and always bright and cheerful, and a short while ago he was attached to the staff of orderlies at the hospital.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. TO PLAY CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

All arrangements are now completed for the big basket ball game Christmas night at Associate hall between the Burkes and the P. A. C. The game bids fair to be the best seen here this season. Both teams will undoubtedly play the game of their lives, as victory means everything to either. It is said that considerable money is being wagered on the result of the game. A second game between the same teams will be played New Year's night. The make-up of the two teams in Monday's night game will be: Burkes—Reagan and Tierney, forwards; Marley, centre; O'Neil and Kelleher, guards. P. A. C.—Allard and MacFarland, forwards; Cummings, centre; Mack and Halloran, guards.

MISSING CASHIER

RETURNED HOME AFTER A MONTH'S DISAPPEARANCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—Edward P. Deering, formerly cashier for Woodbury & Moulton, the banking concern in this city, which assigned November 1, and who disappeared the next day after the assignment, returned home last night. He refused to say where he has been or to discuss the affairs of the bank.

SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

An enjoyable supper and entertainment was held last evening in the vestry of the First Baptist church, North Tewksbury, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The former feature was made a distinct success under the guiding hands of Mrs. Chester Boutwell and Mrs. Van Dusen, whose capabilities in this department have been tried and found far from wanting. The entertainment was of a standard that is always kept up in Tewksbury. Principal among the participants was Miss Heleden of the Emerson School of Oratory of Boston, who gave several readings, all of which were well received. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Elia Flemings and a duet on the same instrument was given by the Misses Leahy. But among all the numbers none received or deserved more applause than the singing of Master Hubert Blackburn, a little fellow with a sweet voice and a pleasing expression. He had to respond to an encore.

After the entertainment a handsome quilt, the handiwork of the ladies, was placed on sale at auction. After much sharp but pleasant rivalry in bidding, the article was finally "knocked down" to Mrs. Dawson, who promptly paid $3.50 and appeared happy as well as triumphant to get it for that. The event was in charge of Mr. Frank Perkins, to whom acknowledgement of thanks should be given for its success socially and financially.

MONTHLY SUPPER.

The regular monthly supper under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle of the Paige street Free Baptist church, was held in the vestry of the church last evening and was largely attended. It lasted from 6 to 8. Mrs. W. O. Brown, president of the circle, had general charge and was ably assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. John Robert, Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Huber Hayes.

BAKERS WANT TO CLOSE.

Some Centralville bakers want to close on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock instead of at 9.30 o'clock and to remain open until 9.30 o'clock on Monday and Friday evenings and 10.30 o'clock on Saturday evenings. They wish all bakeries in the city to agree to the same hours of closing.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The parochial schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation and the public schools will close this afternoon. Exercises will be held at different public schools in the afternoon but they will not be public, as the teachers in the different rooms have special programs for their classes.

Intense Suffering

FROM DYSPEPSIA AND STOMACH TROUBLE

Instantly Relieved and Permanently Cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

[illegible] But Not a Paten Medicine

Dr. Redwell relates an interesting account of what he considers a remarkable case of acute stomach trouble and chronic dyspepsia by the use of the new discovery, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

He says: The patient was a man who had suffered, to my knowledge, for years with dyspepsia. Everything he ate seemed to sour and create gases in the stomach. He had pains like rheumatism in the back, shoulder blades and limbs, fullness and distress after eating, poor appetite and loss of flesh; the heart became affected, causing palpitation and sleeplessness at night.

"I gave him powerful nerve tonics and blood remedies, but to no purpose. As an experiment I finally bought a 50 cent package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at a drug store and gave them to him. Almost immediate relief was given and after he had used four boxes he was to all appearances fully cured.

"There was no more acidity or sour, watery risings, no bloating after meals the appetite was vigorous and he has gained between 10 and 12 pounds in weight of solid, healthy flesh.

Although Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are advertised and sold in drug stores, yet I consider them a most valuable addition to any physician's line of remedies, as they are perfectly harmless and can be given to children or invalids or in any condition of the stomach with perfect safety, being harmless and containing nothing but fruit and vegetable essences, pure pepsin and Golden Seal.

"Without any queston they are the safest, most effective cure for indigestion, biliousness, constipation and all derangements of the stomach, however slight or severe."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are made by the F. A. Stuart Co. of Marshall, Mich., and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package.

Little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

THE SEWER LOAN

Passed by the Common Council in Concurrence

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SEWERS

The Water Tower Loan Also Passed

The common council had a special meeting last night. It was held principally for the purpose of taking concurrent action on the $10,000 sewer loan. This was passed as was also the order for a loan of $14,000 for a down-town location for the water tower which was defeated at the last meeting. Twenty members were present, and after the reading of the warrant, the water tower order on which a motion to reconsider was made at the last meeting was taken up.

Councilman Mullaney spoke in favor of the motion to reconsider and hoped that the order would be adopted. He did not think it was right to have such a valuable piece of apparatus standing idle and if it cannot be given a down-town location he thought the thing should be sold at once. He referred to the fire at the corner of Market and Shattuck streets at which the damage was greater than it would have been if the water tower had been near the center of the city. It took an hour to get the tower to the scene of the fire and the firemen started to drive it over the tracks. They found after much delay that they could not do that and had to go around. "There are a good many blocks in ward two, where I live" said Councilman Mullaney, "and I think the tower schould be brought down town."

Councilman Brown asked if $14,000 would be enough to pay all the penses for the housing of the water-tower down town. Two years ago when he was on the fire department committee he said it was figured out that the whole cost would be $30,000. He expressed his willingness to vote for the order if the amount named would be enough, but he did not want to see another request for more money later on.

Councilman Walker said he voted against the order before because the city's financial condition will not stand such an expenditure. Councilman Bean thought it would be a great benefit to the city to have the water tower down town. He said it is proposed to use the horses now used on the other apparatus at the Palmer street station and the expense of maintenance would not be increased.

Councilman Clark was in favor of the order and said that the damage at the time of the Huntington hall fire would have been less if the tower had arrived earlier. Councilman Flanders also spoke in favor of the order and then it passed with only Councilman Walker voting against it, the motion to reconsider having previously been passed.

The order for a $10,000 loan for sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The following order offered by Councilman Clark was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Ordered, that to our president, clerk and messenger, the common council of 1899 does with the utmost sincerity and good feeling tender its sincere thanks for the extreme courtesy, efficient and impartial manner in which they have performed their several duties and that we as individuals as well as a body politic most heartily wish for them the good things of this life in whatever station they may in the future find themselves."

There were several other matters of business but it was decided to let them go over to the next meeting, the call having specified that the meeting was for the purpose of taking action on the sewer loan.

CORPORATION RETURNS.

Lowell Co-operative Milk association Lowell, J. E. Gibson, treasurer. Annual meeting, Nov. 25, 1899; certificate filed Dec. 11, 1899.

Real estate and buildings, $11,892; machinery, $600; cash and debts received, $5301; miscellaneous, $2,079; profit and loss, $11,811; total, $35,666.

Capital stock, $25,000; debts, $10,563; total, $35,566.

CREDIT TO ALL

DEAR SIR

Ladies' love (of course next best to you) articles that tend to make their appearance attractive and stolish. Our business proves it. A visit to our store would prove it to you. Still the stronger sex is not forgotten, plenty here to please the men and boys. May we suggest:

Ladies' Jackets $7.98 to $25
Ladies' Capes $5.98 to $18.75
Ladies' Skirts $2.98 to $16.75
Ladies' Waists $1.98 to $9.98
Trimmed Hats $2.98 to $6.98
Furs $3.98 to $16.75
Girls' Reefers $3.98 to $8.98

From 50c. down and 50c. week to $1.50 down and $1.50 a week will buy any article in the store.

Men's Overcoats $9.75 to $25
Men's Suits $10.75 to $22.50
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All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

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Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and to an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large window's is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

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FOR SALE—Pool room, also cigar and tobacco stand, 159 Middlesex street.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $16.00. Inquire at Donovan and Munsur, Room 1, 36 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 100 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—Ten R. I. P. A. N. S. for five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 650 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

"A CHRISTMAS present for Papa," Plush-Lined Buffalo Robe at Ciher's store, 310 Bridge street.

FREE Send no money. We give watches, bracelets, rings, etc., for selling our jewelry novelties. Send your name and address and we will mail you eighteen scarfpins in enamel and different colored stones to sell at ten cents each. The best sellers ever offered. When sold, send us the money and we will give you a watch or your choice of our list of premiums which we send with the pins. Ammwan Jewelry company, North Attleboro, Mass.

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WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 59 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Hehr, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Idelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 168 Merrimack street.

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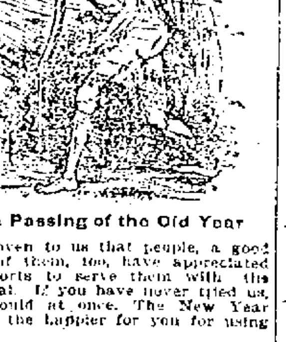

The Passing of the Old Year

has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

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WANTED—A second-hand green bone cutter in good repair. Address Box 41, Tewksbury, Mass.

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WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 251 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 135 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

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TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 181 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 189 East Merrimack street.

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TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. O. Behanrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

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LOST—A pocketbook between 158 Concord street and 22 Appleton street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 22 Appleton street.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

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They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

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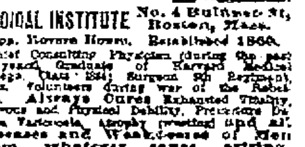

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Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.
The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.
They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 34, Hildreth building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.
Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Ten Dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.
It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 68-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases, Devine's 88 Merrimack Street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 391-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 262 Mid'x St. Tel. 638-6.

Hear the Dartmouth combined Musical Clubs. Best college talent. Odd Fellows' Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

PRESENTED WITH WATCH.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the United States Indemnity Society was held last night at Old Odd Fellows' hall, over 300 members being present. Grand Supreme Secretary Albert C. Smith of Boston was present and addressed the assemblage. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Robert E. Magee of a valuable watch and chain. Grand Secretary Smith made the presentation in a most happy manner and Mr. Magee made fitting response. He was deeply moved at the beautiful testimonial of esteem of brother members. On the back of the case was inscribed, "Presented to Robert E. Magee, State Lecturer of U. S. I. S., by the members of the United States Indemnity Society, Dec. 21, '99." Among the other speakers who added their mite to the general enjoyment and good fellowship of the evening were W. H. I. Hayes, Past Councillor W. L. Hardy, George Hartwell, Frank Merrill, Frank Doherty, Edward Berlanger and Joseph H. Dextra. A general good time followed and refreshments were served. The annual meeting of the society will take place in Boston on Jan. 2, and Robert Magee and Joseph H. Dextra will represent the local society at the next meeting. The local society now numbers nearly 1700 members.

MIDDLESEX CLUB.

The Middlesex Social club will hold its third annual social at Prescott hall Wednesday evening, January 3d.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

HEAD BEATEN IN

OLD MAN BRUTALLY MURDERED AT HUBBARDSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Asa Bennett of this place, eighty years old, was found murdered in the kitchen of his house shortly before 8.30 last night by Mrs. Bennett. She attended a prayer meeting in the Congregational church about 50 feet from the house and when she returned home, found her husband's body on the floor of the kitchen, the head badly beaten by an iron bolt which was found near the body. There is no clue to the murderer.

FOUNDERS' DAY OBSERVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 22.—The New England society of Detroit celebrated Founders' Day with an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Cadillac last night. Hon. James H. Hoyt of Cleveland delivered the address of the evening on "From Plymouth Rock to Manila."

FUND FOR TROOPS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—British and Colonial born residents of Boston formed a fund in aid of the British troops in Africa last night and the first pledges made a total of $2,000.

BOXING IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Crescent Athletic club held its regular monthly meeting at the club rooms last night and after other matters were attended to, three bouts which had been arranged were pulled off. The first was that between Jim Murrow (colored) of this city and John Murphy of South Boston for four rounds. Murphy had the upper hand of it through the second round when Murphy landed a swift blow on his opponent's jaw, putting him to sleep, in which condition he remained for nearly five minutes. Murphy was given the decision.

"Spike" Hanley of South Boston had a little set-to with young Tierney of Holbrook. Tierney proved to have a little the better of it in that he outpointed his opponent.

Billy Berkley and Morris Rosenberg, the latter of Boston, were next to go. The bout was a good one and both men put up a clever, clean fight. Berkley, however, might have received the decision on points if one were to be given.

AT HARVARD'S CREW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Jas. Lawrence, president of the senior class and right tackle on the football team, has been elected captain of the junior crew.

LINCOLN CLUB.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the meeting of the Lincoln club last night in the club's headquarters in the Hildreth building, and nominations were made as follows for officers to be voted for at the next Thursday evening: President, William H. Hounsel; first vice president, George S. Holt; second vice president, Joseph E. Pattee; recording secretary, E. J. Wardell; financial secretary, Fred A. Tilton; treasurer, James Gammell; warden, Jas. Boyle.

Elgin lodge, N. E. O. P., held its regular meeting last night at Old Highland Hall and received one application. The election of officers followed and resulted as follows: Warden, Hattie A. Burrows; vice warden, Minnie H. Fogg; secretary, Christabel Burrows; financial secretary, M. A. Fogg; treasurer, James E. McIntosh; chaplain, E. T. Norris; guide, W. S. Holt; guardian, G. H. Harrington; sentinel, C. W. Parsons; trustee for three years, James E. McIntosh. The lodge will meet every first and third Thursday in the month.

TO FIX THE RATES

The Differential Squabble to be Settled

BY A MEETING ON JANUARY 4

Of the Trans Continental and Eastern Lines

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Hopes for an amicable settlement of the difficulties that have arisen from the old differential squabble down east are dimmer now than ever before. The situation has taken another turn for the worse and it is not improbable that the second class rate from this city to San Francisco soon will be shaved if not actually slashed. Local passenger men have discovered Boston-San Francisco tickets in the Chicago market which are being offered at rates lower than the regular Chicago-San Francisco rate.

From the first time since the trouble took on its present phase the Vanderbilts openly expressed their determination to secure the same rate from New England points to Pacific coast points as that offered by the differential lines. They have taken the stand that there is no justifiable reason why the differential lines should be permitted to undersell them on the second class tickets.

At a meeting held by the representatives of trans continental lines here, a committee was appointed to meet with Representatives of the New England lines, Jan. 4, in Boston and to report the results of the meeting to the trans-continental men in this city five days later. The chief object of the Boston meeting is to determine the strength of those who want to settle the trouble amicably.

In today's meeting the Burlington, the Rock Island, the St. Paul and the Northwestern, the lines that are boycotted by the Boston and Maine and the Fitchburg roads, gave all other roads to understand that they would stand by the Boston and Albany if the Santa Fe, the Alton and the Missouri Pacific continue to give their support west of Chicago to the Boston and Maine.

AKIEN ST. EXTENSION

ONLY SMALL PORTION WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

The only portion of the Aiken street extension that will be completed this year will be that portion between Merrimack and Moody street. The brick building used as a stable has been demolished and workmen have been engaged in cutting down the grade at Moody street. Between Moody and Ford street people have failed to remove their buildings as rapidly as the city authorities desired.

Sam'l GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

GIRL ASSAULTED

AND CHOKED BY A WOULD-BE ROBBER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

STOUGHTON, Dec. 22.—As Miss G. Jennie Carpenter, who is bookkeeper at Upham Bros.' shoe factory, was returning from work to her home last evening, at 6.15, near the corner of Chester and Walnut streets she heard a man's voice saying: "Is that you, Miss Carpenter?"

Upon her answering it was, the man hurriedly came toward her, grabbed her round the neck, choked her and tried to obtain possession of her pocket book, which was in her hand and which contained her week's wages. Miss Carpenter struggled and attempted to scream, but was choked and struck in the face several times, when her assailant, becoming frightened, ran away.

Miss Carpenter retained possession of her pocket book and reached her home in a frightened and exhausted condition. She was found to be badly scratched about the neck, her face was bruised, but she was otherwise uninjured. The neighbors searched for the assailant, but could find no trace of him.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

WITH A RAZOR OWING TO ILLNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—James Duane Taylor, one of the important officers in New York city of the Wagner Palace Car company and a son-in-law of the founder of the company, committed suicide yesterday at the Grafton hotel in this city by cutting his throat with a razor.

Mr. Taylor was suffering from some nervous affection, caused by illness, and the fatal act was committed apparently on the impulse of the moment.

The suicide was 63 years of age. Accompanied by his brother and son and Dr. Lee, he came to this city on Dec. 16 and registered at the Grafton. He was brought here under charge of a physician to see if a change of scene would not prove beneficial to his health. Since one was constantly with him, but today he was left alone in the room for a moment, and in that time he ended his life.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames will give a tea next Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lauder Dunn.

OVER A MILLION

10 cent packages of Johnson's Kidney Pills have been sold. It was the first **Reliable Kidney Remedy** offered the public at a *popular price*, and is the ONLY ONE that is GUARANTEED to cure all diseases of the KIDNEYS, BLADDER and URINARY ORGANS. What better testimonials could we give. 25 Pills 10 cents. By mail for five 2-cent stamps.

Made at Dr. Johnson Laboratories, Inc., PHILADELPHIA

PEOPLE ARE USING JOHNSON'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR KIDNEY TROUBLES

For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

HOWELL'S ADDRESS

THE SUCCESSOR OF EDITOR GRADY AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Clark Howell of Atlanta, Ga., editor of the Atlanta Constitution was guest of honor at the monthly dinner of the independent club last evening and delivered an address which was listened to attentively by the 300 members of the club and their guests. His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

He favored expansion in the interests of southern commerce.

REAR COMMODORE LIPTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton has been unanimously elected rear commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht club.

LOWELL ESTATES.

Following are the estates left by deceased residents of Lowell as recorded in Cambridge: Almeda Gage, $5,724.46; Nathaniel Davis, $95,552.72.

Mrs. Maude L. Clough of the Linden House, Manchester, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane, 4 Pine street.

A New Market

IN AN OLD STAND

New goods, new prices, new management, new ideas, new ways of doing business.

The old Public Market, corner of Howard and Middlesex streets has all been remodeled over and a new stock of goods has been put in. The place is decorated with evergreens and colored trimmings, with a large lot of choice poultry mixed in. Here are a few prices we are giving.

Young Turkeys 10 to 15c lb.
Young Chickens, 10 to 15c lb.
Ducks, Geese and Game at the same low figures.

PUBLIC MARKET,
Corner of Howard and Middlesex Streets.
Open Evenings.

PIANOS

For Christmas.

Largest and most complete line in Lowell, including the

Jacob Doll, Webber, Stodart, Bause and Shettinger.

Thirty instruments just received from factory, all bright and rich tone.

Price $175 to $500

If you intend purchasing a Piano for Christmas you'll save money by seeing what we offer.

Besides this splendid stock of new pianos we have a few second-hand uprights, which we will sell exceptionally low. If you are not prepared to buy just now and would like an instrument for Christmas, we will send one on trial and you may pay for it on our easy term plan.

Ring's Piano Store
216 Merrimack Street.
Open Every Evening This Week.

TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, ETC.

Only Two More Days, Friday and Saturday.

And we insist upon disposing of the bulk of our gigantic stock of Toys, Dolls, Games and Xmas Novelties in just that time (28 business hours) We must clean up—we will clean up. Come and see the special lots we are throwing out at 5c., 10c., 25c., 49c., and 69c., just about half what they are worth; but it's against our business principle to carry anything over. To make a long story short—"It's about giving you the goods at your own price." Come today if you can, and avoid the tremendous rush of tomorrow. We are having a tremendous trade, sales away ahead of a year ago—4 teams busy as can be delivering the goods whereas a year ago 2 sufficed. Special delivery to all parts of the city until midnight, Saturday and on Xmas morning.

For 5c. Each

A lot of Celluloid Novelties that were 10 to 25c, pin trays and cases, Handkerchief and Glove cases, etc., some—in fact most are a little scratched, but not very noticeable.

For 10c. Each

25c Novelties of all kinds, Celluloid in various colors, Handkerchief cases, Glove Cases, Suspender Cases, Necktie Cases, also some 49c goods thrown into this lot.

For 19c. Each

25c and 49c Celluloid and other Novelty Cases for Gloves, Hdkfs., Fans, Neckties, Suspenders, Jewelry, etc., etc. These are bargains indeed.

For 25c. Each

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SUN LATEST FIVE O'CLOCK.

METHUEN'S DANGER

Great Anxiety Felt in London for His Fate

Boers Can Obtain Men and Supplies by Delagoa Bay—The War Office Withholding News—Gen. White Can Hold Out

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There is still no definite news regarding military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official despatches. General Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate. Royal letters signed by the Queen are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families. Interest centers for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements.

GEN. WHITE SAFE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail says: We understand that news has arrived from General White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated. The troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight.

FOOD AND RECRUITS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In default of any important news of Generals Buller and Methuen, public attention is directed to the question of the possibility of the Boers importing food, the munitions of war and recruits by way of the the Portuguese port of Lourenzo Marquez. Many statements, some of them bearing evidence of accuracy, have appeared in the newspapers apparently confirmatory of these reports.

The passage of foreign officers and men into the Transvaal, however is most difficult to prove and before it can be asserted that quantities of ammunition and food stuffs are passing into the Transvaal from Lourenzo Marquez the facts must be absolutely sure.

England at present, is directing a very keen and critical eye upon Delagoa bay, more so than is generally thought. A Delagoa Bay merchant explains how well the Boers, having no lack of money, are able to continue their persistent and ever increasing resistance:

"The Portuguese officials of the Delagoa port, and I know them well, are the most corrupt lot in the world. When the war commenced the Portuguese in Delagoa Bay, like everybody else in the world, considered victory a dead certainty for the English and therefore they at first put a certain curb upon the Boer importation of arms, recruits, etc. But since the English reverses, all that has been changed. They have turned round and are entirely against us.

MRS. DODGE DEAD

Injuries Received in Boston Resulted Fatally

SHE DIED IN THE CITY HOSPITAL

Her Remains Will be Removed to Lowell

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. C. S. Dodge of Lowell died at a hospital today of injuries received here yesterday, by being struck by a falling sign on Winter street. She was unconscious when removed to the city hospital where it was found that she had sustained a severe fracture of the skull. A boy named Horace Gott was also struck by the sign, but was only slightly injured, as Mrs. Dodge had received the full force of the blow. Mrs. Dodge's friends will take the body to Lowell today for interment.

BIG FIRM ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The large dry goods establishment of John M. Conklin & Son of Brooklyn made a general assignment today. The assignee, Edward F. Brengan, said the store would resume business later in the day. The house was established a year ago by John M. Conklin, who died last August. His son, William H. Conklin, has carried on the business since that time. No statement of the assets and liabilities has yet been made.

STRANGER HELD

AT HAVERHILL FOR LARCENY AT PLAISTOW, N. H.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—A stranger giving his name as James Tracey, was yesterday arrested by the police here and will be charged with breaking and entering a store in Plaistow, N. H. He is alleged to have sold several pairs of gloves in this city, which, it is said, were stolen from the store of John Sleeper in Plaistow.

Three other men also thought to be implicated are as yet free.

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MURDER IN NATICK

Miss Morse Shot and Killed Lewis Perry

To Prevent Him Entering Her Home—He Was a Veteran of the Spanish War — The Circumstances of the Tragedy

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NATICK, Mass., Dec. 22.—Lewis Perry, a Spanish war veteran, who came to this city about two years ago and engaged employment with the Dennison Manufacturing company of South Framingham, was shot and almost instantly killed this afternoon by Miss Lizzie Morse at her home in West Natick. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the left breast, which pierced the heart, and the second leaden missile penetrated the stomach. Miss Morse was shortly afterward placed under arrest and claims that the circumstances justified her in shooting down Perry.

Perry was about 33 years of age, and in company with Arnold Stappen, who is about 35 years of age, both of whom are married, left their homes on Speen street with their bicycles about one o'clock this morning. Miss Lizzie Morse, the alleged murderess, and the members of their family claim that Perry and Stappen arrived at their house at about 1.30 o'clock and demanded admittance without stating their business. The Morse homestead is one of the most prominent in this section of the state and contains a large family, all of whom are highly respected by the community. When Perry and Stappen arrived at the house the occupants consisted of Mrs. Willard Morse, about 80 years of age, and Miss Electra Morse, 48; Miss Lizzie Morse, 38; Willard W. Morse, 45, and Rufus D. Morse, 40, children of Mrs. Willard Morse. The two sons have been in poor health and remained on the farm with their mother and sisters to assist them as far as their health would permit. While they were engaged at their labors in the barn, it is claimed, the two men arrived at the house on their wheels and demanded admission to the house, and upon being refused smashed several windows when the women became alarmed and fled to another part of the premises. Miss Lizzie Morse, who is the younger of the daughters, went to the bureau drawer and loaded a 22-calibre revolver. She claims that the men went around to the front of the house, where Perry finished smashing the glass in one of the windows and climbed in, in spite of her remonstrance to the contrary. After gaining an entrance he grabbed Miss Electra Morse, who was in the act of protecting herself with a croquet mallet, which was wrenched from her hands and with it Perry hit her over the head. Lizzie rushed to her assistance and informed Perry that she would shoot him if he did not leave the house. He gave her a terrific blow with the mallet and felled her to the floor.

She managed to get up and again told Perry to get out of the house, when he dared her to shoot. She then fired four shots at Perry, who managed to climb through the window and then fell dead. It is further claimed that Stappen, in the meantime had attempted to get into a window, but was prevented by Willard Morse, who had heard the noise. Stappen then threw several stones at the windows, and as Perry fell out through the window, he said to the wounded man: "Let's get out of this." Perry replied, "You can go, but I can't," and then expired. The members of the Morse family claim that Stappen then tried to get into the house, but upon being prevented he mounted his wheel and went to the West Natick engine house and telephoned for the police.

Officers Frank H. Bunker and Herman Gudenoff of the Natick department responded, and Stappen was taken to the Natick lockup by Bunker. Chief Sweeney soon after arrived and placed Miss Lizzie Morse under arrest. She will remain at her house in the custody of an officer until tomorrow morning when the hearing will take place.

Medical Examiner Robbins of Framingham viewed the body and will complete his examination before the hour of the preliminary hearing in the morning. Lizzie Morse is strong in her claim that the circumstances justified her in shooting the man, and in that way was protecting herself and other members of the family. The friends of Perry say that he was a total abstainer and are unable to account for his actions during the afternoon. He came to this town from Roxbury about two years ago and last summer served in Porto Rico, being a member of Company E, Sixth regiment, M. V. M. Of late he had been out of work. He was a member of the West Natick Hose company, which recently erected a new house, and was a member of the committee of arrangements of a Christmas sociable to be held in the new engine house on Saturday evening of this week. The presence of the two men at the Morse building is a mystery to those who are acquainted with them, as it is stoutly claimed that neither of them indulged in liquor.

Miss Lizzie Morse is about 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighs about 160 pounds, and is prepossessing in appearance. The revolver she used had not been discharged for 20 years.

Stappen is an insurance agent, and has resided in Natick about seven years. He has a wife and three small children.

Charles Bowen, a hired man for John Walker, who lives about one-half mile from the Morse place, informed the officers late that night that while out on the road yesterday afternoon in search for evergreens he was met by Perry and Stappen, who dismounted, grabbed him by the throat and demanded his money. He succeeded in making his escape and arrived at the Morse house shortly after the murder took place.

Stappen maintains that both he and Perry were perfectly sober. Further than this, he is silent.

The police say that 21 panes of glass in the windows were broken by stones and that Perry, in getting through the window into the house, had to crawl over a piano. It is further claimed that Perry attempted the criminal assault on both women, on the older sister first and then on the woman who finally used the revolver to defend her honor.

Stappen, it is understood, previously said that he did not know what Perry was doing in the house and had not tried to smash any windows.

Stappen is held without bail for a hearing, while Miss Morse is under bonds. She was taken before Judge Mulligan early in the evening but it was thought perfectly safe to allow her to spend the night in her own home.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

A Lowell Man Run Over in Lawrence

BOTH LEGS WERE CUT OFF

He Died Two Hours Lator at Hospital

It was Edward J. McArdell, aged 28 years, and not Charles, as stated yesterday in The Sun, who was killed at Lawrence. His home was at 50 West street, Centralville, but he spent most of his time out of town. He was run over by a freight train in Lawrence yesterday and received injuries from which he died at a hospital in that city a few hours later.

It appears that McArdell was walking on the tracks of the Manchester and Lawrence railroad near the Lowell street bridge. He soon discovered that a freight train was bearing down upon him, and immediately started to cross over to another track. In so doing he caught his right foot in a frog. The engineer of the freight saw the unfortunate man's predicament and quickly reversed his lever, but with the momentum of his train pushing on and the distance so short he was powerless to stop in time to save the man's life. The locomotive and several cars passed over him.

The train had hardly stopped when several of the train hands and switch tenders had rushed to his assistance. His right leg was cut off above the ankle, and the rest of the leg as far as the thigh, was fearfully mangled, while his left leg was crushed between the foot and the knee. One of the train hands hastened to the Boston & Maine freight house and telephoned for the police ambulance, and the injured man was removed as quickly as possible to the city hospital, where it was stated that the wounds were so serious that no operation would avail to save the man's life. The shock was so severe that the patient was unconscious most of the time before his death. During one of his conscious moments, he was asked if he had a wife, he nodded his head affirmatively.

The accident happened about 12 o'clock at noon, and death came at 2.15. McArdell was married and besides a wife, leaves a father and mother, one brother, John R., a clerk at 69 Merrimack street, and three sisters, Mrs. James McMahon, Misses Helen and Veracunda. The body was brought to Lowell this morning by Undertaker O'Donnell.

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THE GLOBE BANK

Ordered Closed by Comptroller Dawes

IN ORDER TO PROTECT CREDITORS

Directors and Stockholders Will Lose

BOSTON BUSINESS MEN ALARMED

The Despositors and Creditors Will Not Lose Much

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Comptroller Dawes last evening appointed Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing temporary receiver of the Globe National bank of Boston. In connection with his action, the comptroller said: "Some time ago Mr. Wing, who is one of the experts employed in the system of special bank examiners, recently inaugurated, discovered a serious condition of affairs in the Globe National bank, which he immediately brought to the attention of the comptroller and under his direction to the directors of the bank. The directors very laudably moved and undertook to make good the doubtful and bad assets found and have greatly improved the condition of the bank since that time. They also delivered to the comptroller a written guarantee that they would remove the doubtful assets. Recent failures in Boston have lessened the value of the unperformed portion of the guarantee and involved the solvency of the bank.

In view of the fact that to allow the bank to remain open longer, will result in injustice to unsecured creditors that the condition of insolvency is found to exist, it becomes my duty under the law to appoint a receiver. A considerable cash dividend can be paid to creditors at once.

The condition of the bank was discovered by Special Examiner Wing in time to secure such action on the part of the directors as will probably prevent the failure from inflicting heavy losses upon the depositors, but directors and stockholders will lose heavily."

The bank, it is understood was involved in the Spire failure and in mining stock.

The following is a condensed statement to the comptroller of the bank as reported to the comptroller December 2, 1899:

Liabilities.	
Capital stock	$ 1,000,000
Surplus	150,000
Undivided profits	141,356
Circulation	801,100
Deposits	10,000,000
Bills payable	270,000
Total	10,973,956
Resources.	
Loans and discounts	5,573,101
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	1,000,000
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	100,000
Premiums on bonds	320,350
Stocks and certificates	1,029,302
Cash on hand and due from banks	2,635,297
Total	10,973,953

ALARM IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The announcement from Washington received here late today that a receiver had been appointed for the Globe National bank, was received by the few banking people who learned of the comptrollers' decision with surprise but not alarm. Naturally the officers of the institution were dumb as to the outcome of the bank's affairs, while those not connected with the institution express sincere regret that it had not been able to weather the storm.

President H. H. Stevens, who succeeded Mr. Charles Cole, some months ago, absolutely refused to say anything regarding the comptroller's action, but his son, who is a clerk in the bank, was completely taken back when the despatch was shown him and intimated that such action from Washington was entirely unlooked for. Young Stevens had been working at the bank until a late hour and was interviewed just as he was entering his father's house where he makes his home. He read the Associated Press dispatch while standing on the door step by the aid of a street lamp, and seemed almost aghast when he fully comprehended its meaning. He at once carried it to his father, who was then in bed but after a few minutes he returned with the word that the father absolutely refused to say anything regarding it.

Young Stevens also denied an interview although he admitted that he had been working very late on the books.

Receiver Wing at a late hour could not be located at any of the large hotels in the city.

On Monday came the failure of the brokerage firm that financed the mining company, but as no other firm followed, and as the Globe bank gave no intimation of succumbing through the continued fall in copper stocks, confidence in the local situation seemed to be in a fair way of being restored. Even after the slump in the New York market on Tuesday and the failure of banks there brought no material reverse in this city and this was regarded almost as an additional guarantee that the crisis here had passed. Whether the old wound will be opened again tomorrow remains to be seen, but it is known that every effort will be made on the part of the strong financial institutions to avert a panic. Upon their success depends the status of many brokerage houses which have been carrying over Christmas, heavy blocks of copper stocks. A few of these houses have already attempted to protect themselves and attachments have been cited against the promoters of the United States mining company, Chas. H. Cole, late president of the Globe bank; William H. Coolidge and Edward H. Clark.

The action of the comptroller in waiting a reasonable time for the guaranty to be made good regarding the bad assets of the bank, is generally acknowledged to have been very generous on his part, and intimated a desire to assist as much as possible, and it is generally agreed that if the bank had been closed last week, that a severe panic would have ensued, which would have undoubtedly carried down other stocks and wrecked many strong institutions.

It is therefore hoped that his action, coming at the end of the decline and after confidence had been much strengthened and restored, will have no materially bad result, and that in the end the financial institutions of the city will be better off with the removal of the incubus which has hung upon them for some months.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—William Miller, 42 years old, senior member of the firm of Kimbell Brothers & Co., tobacco manufacturers at 48 Franklin street, New York city, committed suicide today by shooting. He is said to have lost considerable money in Wall street recently.

A CRAZY EDITOR

The Daily News Scribe Shows Symptoms of Insanity

He Sees and Imagines Things That do Not Exist—Stupid Scheme to Cover up His Own Cuckooism—The Sun Shows up the Editorial Humbug

The editor of the Lowell Daily News must be crazy. At least he has been acting like a crazy man since the city election. The first symptoms of insanity in the News office came by megaphone on the night of election when they announced in the most boisterous manner that they were the only democratic paper in the city. This was taken by the people who know them as a huge joke, but the News broke out the next day and has been showing additional symptoms of the most violent form of insanity ever since. There have been daming announcements that The Sun was a renegade politically, that it did not support the democratic ticket in the last municipal election, and that the proprietor of The Sun is a cuckoo. Now the editor of the News knows and every one in the city knows that there is not the shadow of truth upon which to base such a statement. The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, but it has supported the entire democratic ticket ever since it was first published. We defy the editor of the News or any one else to point out one line in The Sun during the last campaign, that will warrant a single assertion that has been made by this editorial lunatic. The News no doubt has in mind the position which The Sun took over a year ago on the question whether the democracy should nominate Jeremiah Crowley for mayor. This was prior to the caucuses, and we then advised the democrats not to nominate him. We predicted that his nomination would be of no advantage to the democratic party whether he was elected or not. We gave good and sufficient reasons for our position previous to the nominating convention as we had a right to, and every statement we then made about his political antecedents was

ABSOLUTELY TRUE,

while every word of warning uttered by The Sun has since been amply justified. When Mr. Crowley was nominated we did as we always have done, we accepted the will of the democratic majority and supported the ticket. When Mr. Crowley came up for renomination this fall, The Sun had nothing to say one way or the other, but left it to the democrats in convention. When they nominated their candidates for mayor and aldermen, The Sun was the first paper to accept and endorse the will of the convention. We advised the democrats to support the ticket and sink the personal differences which we know existed and to do their utmost for the success of the party at the polls. This we repeated several times during the campaign, and gave reasons why we believed Mr. Crowley would make a better mayor of the city than Mr. Putnam. The News conducted an entirely different kind of a campaign. It said practically nothing in favor of Crowley for there is not enough brains in the News office to write a logical article on why he should be elected. But it did branch off into the most vulgar kind of personal abuse of Mr. Putnam. It is only in personal abuse that the editor of the News has the slightest capability, and we can safely say that if the News had any influence at all in the last campaign, it simply made votes for Putnam by the

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WOMEN'S TAFFETA SILK UMBRELLAS, with mother-of-pearl, ivory and hand painted Dresden, mounted on sterling silver, actual value $5.00, for . . $3.95

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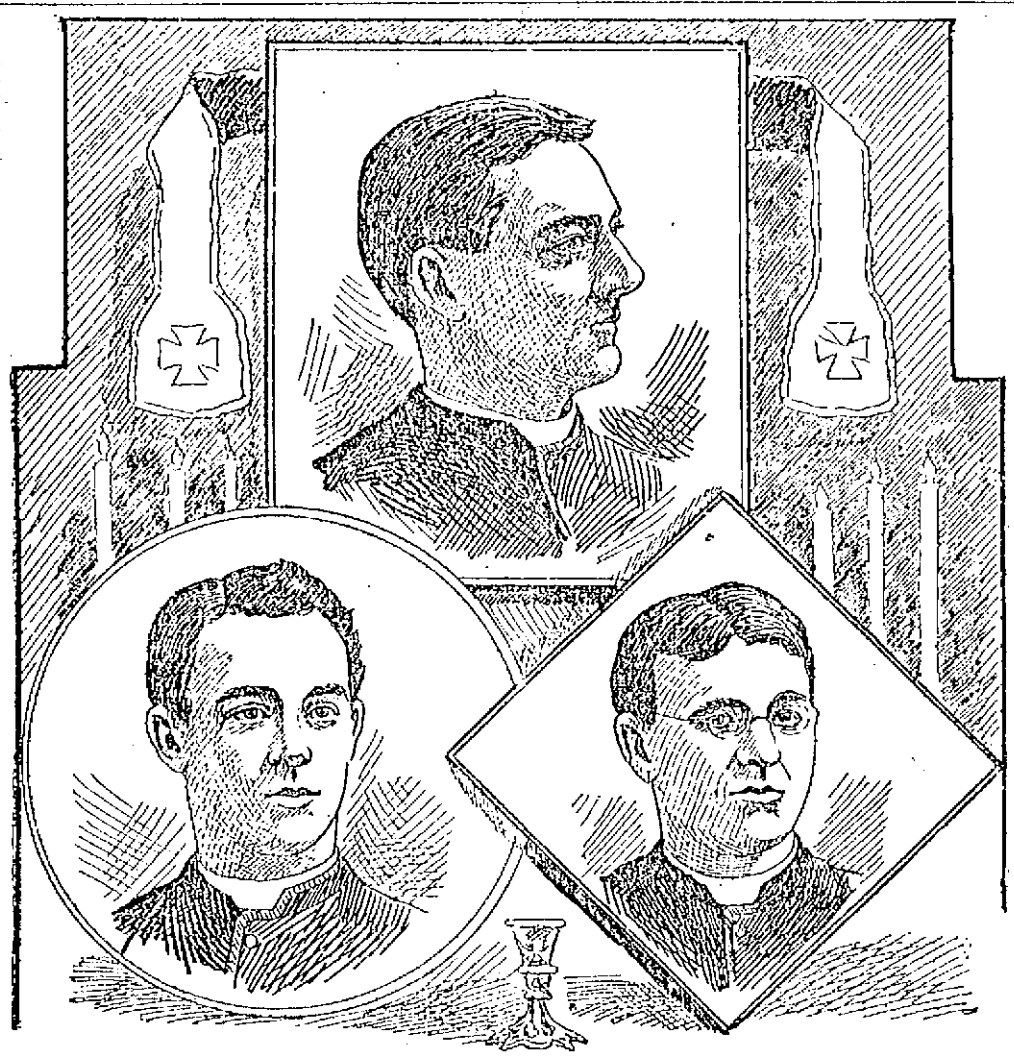

REV. JOHN J. O'HEARN. REV. WILLIAM FINNICK. REV. THOS. P. McMANMON.

YOUNG PRIESTS

Three Lowell Boys Were Ordained Today

ALL ATTENDED ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Many Lowell People Present at the Service

Three young men of this city were ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston today. They are Rev. Thomas P. McManmon, Rev. John O'Hearn and Rev. W. Finnick. The latter is a resident of East Chelmsford, but through his associations and connections here has always been recognized as a Lowell boy.

At today's ceremony 25 young levites, students of St. John's seminary, Brighton, were elevated to the priesthood. Archbishop Williams officiated and was assisted by the president and officers of the seminary. Many clergymen from every section of the archdiocese also assisted at the ceremony. The three young priests who claim Lowell as their home, were schoolmates in boyhood's days. Their early education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school, of which institution Rev. Fr. Finnick and Rev. Fr. O'Hearn are graduates. After their graduation they went to Holy Cross College, where they completed the prescribed course and then entered St. John's seminary, Brighton. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn is a son of Mrs. Ellen O'Hearn, who resides at the corner of Westford and Bayles streets. One of his brothers is Rev. James Walsh of Ayer Junction, and another brother, Daniel O'Hearn, is a medical student. Miss Ella O'Hearn, a teacher in the public schools, is a sister of the young priest. His father, the late Cornelius O'Hearn, was previous to his death, one of the leading spirits of St. Patrick's parish. Fr. O'Hearn was a sanctuary boy at St. Patrick's previous to entering Holy Cross college. He is 25 years of age.

Rev. William H. Finnick is a native of East Chelmsford, where he was born 28 years ago. His family is one of the most respected in that town. As a boy he made the journey from his home to St. Patrick's school and return every day for several years in his efforts to equip himself as well as he possibly could. At this school and at Holy Cross college he was a model pupil, his quiet, agreeable disposition gaining him friends on all sides. He was a studious young man and always stood well in his class. He was persistent and persevering, never becoming discouraged, and it is due to these qualities that he has earned the success that is now his. Fr. Finnick many friends, particularly those who were his schoolmates, look to a bright future for the young priest.

Rev. Thomas P. McManmon resided with his parents at 57 Second avenue, Pawtucketville, previous to entering college. His elementary education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school and later he entered St. Joseph's college in Canada and completed the classical course. Since his graduation he has been preparing for the priesthood at St. John's seminary, Brighton. He is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Mayo 25 years ago, and has resided in this country since he was 11 years of age.

He is a brother of James McManmon, the florist, and selectman of the town of Dracut.

Quite a number of Lowell people went to Boston today to witness the ceremony of administering the sacrament of holy orders to the candidates. The party was made up of parents, friends and relatives of the young clergy.

The three priests will come to this city tomorrow evening.

Rev. Fr. McManmon will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church at 10.30 Sunday morning. He will preach at the high mass at the same church Christmas day. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church on Christmas day and Rev. Fr. Finnick will be celebrant of the high mass at the Sacred Heart church Christmas day.

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SERIES OF LECTURES

TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BURKE INSTITUTE.

It is the intention of the literary committee of the Burke Temperance Institute to arrange a series of lectures to be given at Burkes' Hall on every other Tuesday evening. The date of the first lecture has not been named yet, but the lecturer will be Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., the well known lawyer. It is not known what his subject will be, but it is needless to say that it will be an interesting one.

THE THORPE CASE

On Trial in Police Court Today

JUDGE HADLEY AND LAWYER DONAHUE

Engage in a Heated Argument

Only two arrests were made for drunkenness yesterday. They were Patrick H. Murphy and Maria Richardson. They were arraigned before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

Both were first offenders. Murphy was fined $5, while the woman got off easier, being taxed only $3.

The continued case of Frank Thorpe charged with drunkenness, was tried. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty and had D. J. Donahue, Esq., for counsel.

Thorpe, it will be remembered, was before the court last Saturday, charged with being a common drunkard. He was found guilty by the court and sentenced six months to jail. Thorpe appealed and secured bail. He was rearrested Saturday night in a barber shop on Lakeview avenue about six o'clock by Officer Lennon who claimed the defendant was intoxicated. Officers Libby and Sparks assisted Officer Lennon in making the arrest.

Officer Libby also testified that Thorpe was intoxicated.

This closed the government's case, and the defence was then heard. A number of witnesses were sworn. Thorpe was the first to testify. He denied drinking any liquor at all Saturday. He claimed he was under the influence of morphine when arrested. He showed a prescription he received from Dr. Poole. Defendant said it was for morphine and he also showed a bottle to the court, which he claimed contained the morphine. He said he got the bottle at Dennis O'Brien's drug store, but the court refused to admit this as evidence unless the physician was brought into court and testify that the bottle contained morphine. The court refused to take Thorpe's word as proof that it was morphine.

A hot discussion followed on this point between His Honor and Lawyer Donahue, but the court would not admit Thorpe's testimony that the bottle contained morphine. He said the pharmacist who prepared the prescription would have to testify before he would be satisfied that the bottle contained morphine. The case was at length rested and the druggist was sent for.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, was again continued, this time till Wednesday next.

The case of Lindsey Bennett, a juvenile, charged with larceny, was continued one week for trial.

Maurice Goodman, charged with peddling without a license, was fined $10.

Catherine Hightian, charged with larceny from Mrs. Thomas R. Doyle, was found guilty and fined $15. She paid.

William McClure of Chelmsford was fined $100 for illegal keeping of liquor. He appealed and was held in $300 for the superior court.

James R. Adams, William McBride and Robert Latham, composing what is known as the Berwick Social club of Chelmsford, were charged with illegal keeping of liquor. McBride and Latham were found not guilty and were discharged, but Adams was fined $35.

Alfonso Ducharme, a juvenile, charged with larceny, was placed on probation.

Frank Thorpe, drunkenness, was continued until January 27th, the defendant being held on his own recognizance.

SQUIRE'S CREDITORS

VOTE TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The creditors of the John P. Squire Co. corporation, at their meeting today, voted to continue the business of the firm under an assignee, subject to the assistance and approval of a committee of three to be appointed by the creditors from their number.

The meeting was called to order by Lawyer Henry L. Chaplin, the assignee. H. G. Curtiss of the Old Boston National Bank was elected chairman, and H. L. Burrage, vice-president of the Eliot National Bank, secretary. Over one hundred creditors were present. Mr. Chaplin addressed them and laid particular stress on the rumor circulated today that some $575,000 of the firm's money was lost by transactions with the Globe National Bank. This was denied. The following were appointed to act as a committee in behalf of the creditors: Messrs. H. G. Curtiss, H. L. Burrage and H. A. Eddy. George Fred Williams was present, representing the creditors of Frank O. Squire and desired information. This was denied him as the meeting had been called especially for the creditors and for no other business.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—The first general order issued by Gen. W. J. Hulings, the recently elected commander-in-chief of the newly formed National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans, was issued today from the headquarters of the adjutant general, W. C. Miller, in this city. After detailing the formation of the organization at Trenton, on December 14, the order provides for mustering of state departments and local camps. The order also announces "all soldiers and sailors of the regular and volunteers army and navy and marine corps who served the United States honorably in the war with Spain and in the insurrection in the Philippines, are eligible for membership. Governors and adjutant generals of the various states and territories during the Spanish war may become honorary members upon application or by vote at any annual meting. Contract surgeons and members of the "Associations of War Nurses" may become auxiliary members.

Master Henry Sullivan of 15 Wilmett street entertained about 35 of his young friends at his home Thursday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday.

Master Henry was assisted in receiving by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan, and Miss Blanche Whitehead and Miss Rena Harrington. The young people enjoyed dancing, games and refreshments and left for him at a late hour in the evening. Miss Emma Lynch and Miss Blanche Sullivan presided at the piano.

THE SALARY LIST

For the City Officials Next Year

AN INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

No Change in the Assessors' Pay

The meeting of the committee on salaries was scheduled to meet last night at 5 o'clock to prepare the salary list of city officials for next year. But it was not until the meeting of the common council adjourned that the members of the committee, Aldermen Dimon and Derby, Councilmen Walker, Markham and Flanders, got together.

The salary list was then discussed and several increases allowed. One of the principal increases was the placing of assistant city clerk upon the regular salary list at $600. The assistant city clerk has held the position for several years and is now getting $150.

Seeing that there has been an increase in the work of the sealer of weights, his salary was advanced $50 a year, making it $350.

There was much criticism against the violation of the fish laws and Alderman Derby said many of them had been overlooked. This controversy resulted in reducing the salary of fish warden from $100 to $50.

When the salary of the principal assessors, $2,500, was discussed, Mr. Flanders moved a reduction to $1500. There was some discussion on the question, in which several favored the reduction.

After the work of the reorganized assessors had been talked over at some length, it was voted to recommend the salary as it is at present.

The salary of the chief of the fire department was again established at $2000. Alderman Dimon moved that the salary of the assistant chief be $1500, and that he devote all his time to the position. At present the salary is $750 and he is not required to devote all his time to the office.

Alderman Derby amended that the salary be $1200. He said that the sum was sufficient for the duties that the assistant would be called upon to perform.

Councilman Markham said that the chief was entitled to a permanent assistant and that nearly all other cities had one.

The amendment was lost. Mr. Derby still protested that $1500 was too much, and the matter was further discussed. The motion was finally passed, Mr. Derby in the negative. The office of permanent assistant chief is created by ordinance.

When the proposition to raise the pay of the permanent lieutenant of Hose 1 to $3 a day, 25 cents a day more than he is getting now, there was a lively discussion. In this case, which is an exception, the captain is a call man, and the lieutenant does the work of a permanent captain, who would receive $3 a day. It was argued if the salary of one lieutenant was raised, all the other lieutenants could justly ask for a raise also. The engine house, under discussion, costs less less than the other houses owing to the fact that the captain is a call man. It was finally decided to increase the pay of the lieutenant in question to $3 a day.

The drivers of three-horse engines wanted $3 instead of $2.75 a day but the request was refused. The call men wanted $25 more a year and Mr. Walker stated their case. They claim that they have the work to do at a fire, that they are docked when absent from their regular work and that they are liable to get caught on Sunday wearing their best clothes.

When the salary of superintendent of the city farm was voted, the same as before, Mr. Dimon asked as to who would receive it next year. Mr. Flanders said that he would have to give up the conundrum.

Mr. Dimon stated that the inspector of wires desired a $500 increase making his salary $1500.

Mr. Derby said that the ordinance required a monthly report, but none had ever been made, although the inspector was a good man. Personally he would not take the position for $1500 a year.

Mr. Flanders asked whether the inspector had done any work during the year.

Mr. Derby said that he did not agree with his system for he had a team when he did not believe that he required one, but that he had established a new office, and that there was no criticism to make on his work, so far as he knew.

Mr. Walker said that he would not vote for the increase with an assistant and a horse.

The salary was finally recommended for $1200.

A communication was received from the superintendent of state aid asking that his pay be raised from $2.25 to $4 a day and that of his assistant from $10 a week to $500 a year; and that they would be placed on the salary list rather than by the day.

Mr. Derby spoke in favor of the request and moved that the salaries be established at $1600 and $900 respectively, payable weekly. This resolution was so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15 o'clock.

KILLED IN TRENCH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 22.—While digging in a trench on Hooper street, yesterday afternoon, Chiapine Tortizo, was almost instantly killed by the caving in of the sides.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 8, are announced:

Massachusetts:

Original—Henry Jones, Cambridgeport, $6; George P. Merriam, Lynn, $12; William F. Miller, Ludlow, $8; George E. Taylor, Waltham, $8.

Renewal—George P. Blake (dead), Worcester, $8.

Increase—Morgan W. Stannard, New Boston, $5 to $12; William Gonyea, North Adams, $6 to $8.

Original widows, etc.—Emma J. Bartlett, Duxbury, $8. Special Dec. 1), Mary A. Morse, Lowell, $8.

Original widows—(Special accrued, Dec. 11) Martha Copeland, Taunton, $8; Jane S. Newton, Westboro, $12.

PRIVILEGES ABUSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A departure in the policy of the department of the interior is emphasized by unequivocal refusals which have met all recent requests for loans of Indians for exhibition purposes. Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones have determined to stop the abuses of the privileges and have so stated in a number of communications lately.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday, light winds, generally westerly.

George Francisco is going to close out all his stock of confectionery and fruit, bananas, oranges, nuts and all of his stock at cost prices, as he intends to move December 27. Be sure and call for bargains.

COLORED BISHOP

Refused a Sleeping Berth on Railway

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY AT SAVANNAH

Has a Rule Against Letting Sleepers to Negroes

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—A special from Savannah says:

"Bishop Henry W. Turner of Georgia was refused a berth on a sleeping car today by the officers of the Central railroad in this city.

The bishop, who is ill, having been paralyzed a few days ago, desired to return to Atlanta tomorrow. He asked to secure a berth in a sleeper, but was told that berths were not sold to colored persons.

The sleepers are owned by the Central railroad and the road has an arbitrary rule that no colored persons shall ride in the sleeping cars between Atlanta and Savannah or on any branch of the company.

OLDEST SENATOR

Of Maine on His Death Bed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 22.—Hon James W. Bradbury of this city, the oldest U. S. ex-senator now living and about 98 years of age, who has been indisposed for several weeks, is now dangerously ill and the end is not far off. His recovery is not expected.

A WOMAN MISSING

Came From Westford to do Some Shopping

The local police were engaged last night in trying to learn the whereabouts of one Mrs. Walker of Westford who came to Lowell during the afternoon to do some shopping and failed to return.

The woman is 50 years old and the notice of her disappearance was given to the police by her son who is about 60. According to his story he and his mother drove to the city for the purpose of buying several articles of clothing. They left their horse on Shattuck street and walked down as far as Central street. They finished their errands and were about to go back to where their horse was standing. The son happened to think of a store where he could get a calender and told his mother to go along towards Shattuck street while he went inside. He was in the store not more than five minutes and went at once to Shattuck street. He was surprised to find that his mother had not reached the carriage and was more surprised when he waited for about an hour without seeing her. At last he was obliged to drive home without her and left word with the police. He was afraid the old lady lost her way in the crowd and instead of going to Shattuck street, had gone in another direction. Notwithstanding her advanced age she is rugged in health. She had been to Lowell many times and under ordinary circumstances could not have become confused. The son said he had relatives in Chelmsford and thought there was a bare possibility that his mother had gone there.

The woman was finally found at the American house where she had gone for the night being unable to locate her son. She is now at the police station and will remain there until some one from Westford arrives to take her back.

ELEVATOR VICTIMS

Albert Van Wagener's Life Crushed Out

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Albert Van Wagener, 65, manager of the Goodyear Fastener Machine company of this city, and living at the corner of Woodland road and Seminary avenue, Auburndale, sustained fatal injuries in an Essex street building as a result of an elevator accident at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He died last night at the Emergency hospital.

Nobody knows how the accident occurred as he was alone at the time and when he was found he was tightly wedged between the freight elevator and the elevator wall in the building at 135 Essex street. He was still alive and conscious.

Before his body could be released the workmen had to chop away the woodwork which had held him in its tight embrace. When he was finally released he was taken to the Emergency hospital, where it was found he had sustained fatal injuries. There was a compound fracture of one of his hips, and the other was badly crushed, besides which he was injured internally.

His family was notified and on their arrival they requested Dr. Galvin to send for Dr. Richardson of the Massachusetts General hospital for a consultation. When he arrived he said that everything had been done that was possible and gave it as his opinion that the injured man could live but a short time.

At 8 o'clock last night Mr. Van Wagener died, his wife and other members of his immediate family being present. The body was given in charge of Undertaker Jones and this morning will be taken to his late home.

STREET INSPECTOR

FOR THE LOWELL & SUBURBAN STREET RAILWAY CO.

The Lowell & Suburban street railway company now has a street inspector, Thomas Kennedy, formerly in the employ of Elias McQuade of Market street and more recently employed in Lawrence, has ben appointed to the new position by Manager Woodman of the street railway company, and he began his new duties Wednesday.

SMITH IS DEAD

"SILVER DOLLAR" PASSED AWAY TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, for many years a prominent East Side politician, died today at his home in this city.

CRAZE FOR GLORY

Of Having His Picture in the Papers

SHOT HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Solely for the Notoriety of the Affair

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John Edgar Gardiner, to get his picture in print, shot his wife and then killed himself yesterday.

Gardiner was 60 years old, his wife 29. They had been married but a short time and were living apart on account of his bad habits. On several occasions he had asked how she would like to see their pictures in a local paper.

He called at the house yesterday and asked her to come out, as he was going west. She declined, and he forced his way into her apartments, saying:

"See what I have brought you," then drew a revolver and shot twice, one bullet passing through her arm, the other entering her side.

The woman was able to get from the house to a neighbor's. When the patrol wagon, loaded with officers, arrived, Gardiner walked to the center of a room, in full view of the officers, and, placing the gun at his head, killed himself.

The authorities trace the double crime solely to the desire of the dead man to perform some deed that would warrant the publication of his picture in the newspapers.

CARGO OF COAL

First to go to Italy From Country

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Orders have been given for the Spanish steamer Oaton, now in port, to load coal here for Genoa. She arrived several days ago from Bilboa, Spain, with a cargo of iron ore. As soon as possible, the steamer will be taken to the coal wharves and the amount she will take aboard will be about 3,700 tons. This cargo, it is believed, will be the first to go direct from her to Italy.

The Italian steamer Hercules, which sailed from this port a few weeks ago with a cargo of coal for Gibraltar, for orders, has reached the latter place, and it is reported that she will proceed to Genoa to discharge her cargo.

Philadelphia coal merchants, who ship both from this and Virginia ports have of late been invading ports in Europe which formerly were supplied by Cardiff. So great are the exportations expected to be in the future that the question of building American steamers for its transportation is being discussed in shipping circles. It is now pointed out that these vessels for return cargoes could get iron ore at ports in the Mediterranean from which a tremendous amount is to come next year. Announcement was made yesterday of the chartering of several more steamers to bring ore to this port from Greece.

GENERAL MILES

Talks of Struggle Between the British and Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Major-General Nelson A. Miles, Captain Wheeler, Captain Leevis and Judge Outwaite, of the United States ordnance board, who arrived here yesterday to witness a test of the new smokeless powder, today went to Meadeville, Pa., to examine fifty new wire wound guns. Before leaving, General Miles, in expressing his opinion regarding the South African war, said to a reporter:

"The struggle between the British and the Boers is a very serious war. There have been some severe losses, and I believe there will be more serious encounters before it is ended. As to the probable results, I, of course, cannot predict.

"As to the tactics of the contending armies, both seem to be pushing what is termed 'Open order' methods. It is a mistake to compare the tactics of the Boers to those of our Indians. Their tactics are the white man's tactics.

"The outcome, of course, depends on the skill of the commanders, as it does in every war. The Boers have been preparing for it for the last ten years. In view of the circumstances, I do not think their showing so far is in the nature of a surprise."

DUKE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—The attack of pneumonia from which the Duke of Westminster has been suffering, has taken a serious turn. The family has been summoned to his residence.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton has returned after four weeks spent at Dunstable.

Office of Superintendent of Public Buildings, and Inspector of Buildings, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 22, 1899.

Notice to Contractors.

Separate sealed proposals will be received at the office of Superintendent of Public Buildings till Thursday, the 28th day of December at 4 o'clock p. m. for the following work:

First, For the plumbing and gas piping of the High school annex.

Second, For the electric wiring of the High School annex situated at the corner of John and Paige streets and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the same by H. P. Graves, architect. Plans and specifications may now be seen at the superintendent's office. A certified check of 5 per cent of the contract price must accompany all bids and a bond of 25 per cent of the contract price will be required of the successful bidders. His Honor, the Mayor, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings reserve the right to reject any and all bids, serve the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Supt. Public Buildings.

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JOLLY HOSFORDS

Held a Hot Time in Associate Hall

AT THEIR FIRST CHARACTER PARTY

Biggest Crowd of the Season Attended

Hereafter when the Horsfords run a party it will be necessary to enlarge the nall, for their first humble effort at Associate hall last evening, drew out or rather drew in the largest crowd of the season and was without any doubt the most uproariously funny affairs ever held here. The fun was entitled a poverty and character party, and it smashed all previous records as a fun-maker. There were about 400 couples on the floor, chairs and window sills and in the balcony standing room was at a premium.

Previous to the big show, there was a street parade of the Corntossel band of Fourth of July fame. The parade held up street cars and teams for an immense throng followed it through the streets. The band consisted of an aggregation of farmers, tramps, musicians, bums and a few others, grotesquely attired and playing on every old kind of a musical (?) instrument. The first cornet player rendered the air, while the others filled it with a heart-rending accompaniment. Behind the band was a carriage containing John Sligo, the Fayette street tragedian, and his manager, Michael Fin-

JOHN J. DRISCOLL, General Manager.

ucan, the pride of Kidder street, and that's no "kid." Both were happy smiles and other raiment and the rest of the carriage was taken up by young Bucky Thornton and Hon. John Curry, champion all-round athlete of the Grove. Forninst the band was Tom Fury, the juggler.

When the band returned to the hall it found an immense gathering there ahead of it, and when the fun started, those who sought the entry for a smoke had to back out for there wasn't room to turn around. The band was led by a little million of "kids," but the director was George Baxter, who officiated with the dignity and grace of a J. Philip Sousa, the only difference being in the color of their whiskers, for the Sousa of last night appeared to have had his washed. Among the other impresarios were Frank McOsker, Con. Keliher, John Driscoll, Geo. McManus, John McCluskey, the Potato brothers, George and Joe Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, not P. J., Alderman Barris, Sam Dugdale, Charles Fleudry, Denny Kelly and Albert Nyce.

The dance began about 8 o'clock with Hibbard's orchestra in the points, smiling Joseph being master of ceremonies. Even the orchestra was uniquely attired in honor of the occasion, Charlie McCarthy looking particularly charming made up as Anna Held. Among the dancers were farmers, cowboys, Indians, there was a lot of them, the real things; actors, principally bum ones; cowboys, cowgirls, actresses, old maids, young ones, and many others beside Mike Finucan and John Sligo. Finucan was attired in

CHARLES F. McMANUS, Floor Director.

the beautiful costume of a courtier of the time of Louise Quartorze or as Finucan picturesquely put it, "one o' thim guys what used to raise Cain over there in France." Sligo wore his usual smile which he stretched a few inches as his friends cheered him. Sligo was made up like a dry goods clerk on holiday.

There was fun enough to be had when the dance was on but when the cake walk came at 10 o'clock the waistcoat buttons which the poet Holmes so cleverly described began to burst. Of course the feature of the walk was the contribution of Sligo and Finucan, and two jollier souls never cut up shines at a gathering. Little Johnny Curry, who stands pat at three feet led the walk. He carried a cane that was never built for him and several times he was in danger of giving himself a funny fall. Finucan went on first. His "lady" was John Martin, the well known cake walker in a Mug Splash make-up. Finucan was simply a dream, a veritable pipe-dream, and his little trick with the handkerchief would have turned even Tom McHenry green with envy. After Finucan had done his turn, Sligo blew in with Fred O'Brien as his "lobly." While Sligo looked more bewitching than his rival he wasn't half so graceful. Finucan was foxy and wore spiked shoes but Sligo wasn't on and came out in a pair of rudderless canal boats, and had much difficulty in steering himself. Sligo and his partner used a new six-day stride and poor little Curry had to do the "split" to keep within hailing distance of them. The judges were Messrs. Paul Kruger, Joe Chamberlain and William B. Dahmmel and they awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, counterfeit dollar, Michael Finucan; second prize, one pound of Limburger cheese, John Sligo; individual prize, a pair of rubber boots, John Curry. Sligo upon receiving his prize placed it in his pocket and in a very few minutes it became necessary to invite him outside. Finucan was called upon for a speech and he said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, friends and acquaintances: To learn that I am so well known and so popular makes my bosom swell with pride beyond even the limits of my lung protector. I almost think I could be elected to the council if the ladies only voted. Sligo and my self are Altruists. We live to make others happy. Let yez all enjoy yourself. I thank you very kindly for your postologies."

After the walk dancing was enjoyed until 1 o'clock, and the crowd stayed until the finish.

Although the affair was ludicrous throughout, there was nothing there that would offend the most fastidious.

The officers of the party were: General manager, John J. Driscoll; assistant general manager, Edward J. Burns; floor director, Charles F. McManus; assistant floor director, William F. Egan; chief aid, Dennis J. Kelley; aids, John F. McNabb, Michael J. Hogan, Timothy E. Flynn, Michael E. Powers, John F. Kelley, Lewis A. Lovering, Frank R. Brown, Chas. Jones, John Collins and Frank Redding; reception committee, William J. Collins, chairman, Michael A. Cuff, Joseph McMahon, Charles Leclaire, Patrick F. Noonan, James A. McCusker, George L. Adams, George Schermerhorn, Thos. E. Bertrain, Timothy Naud, Robert Shepard, Henry McDonald, Napoleon Cook, Frank McOsker, John Gorman, John Mahan, Frederick E. Gebron, treasurer.

DENNIS J. KELLEY, Chief Aid.

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MAYOR HART

HAS NAMED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Many men have been named in conection with the position of private secretary to Mayor Hart, among them being Sec. Sands of the republican city committee. It was stated yesterday, however, that the question has been settled by Mr. Hart and that his son-in-law, C. W. Ernst, will be appointed.

Mr. Ernst was secretary to Mayor Hart during his two terms 10 years ago, and when Mr. Hart was postmaster Mr. Ernst was his assistant. While secretary to Mayor Hart, Mr. Ernst devoted much time to the study of municipal problems and the collection of a library of municipal documents and works relating to municipal government, and he is now said to have the finest library of the kind in Boston.

IN COLLISION

STEAMERS COME TOGETHER IN A FOG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Holland-America line steamer Werkendam, which sailed from Amsterdam yesterday for New York, was in collision off Maaslus in the fog with the British steamer Silvio and has five plates on the port side damaged. No damage has been reported to the Silvio.

Second Annual Visit of **Mariani**

Card Reader, Room 47, Bon Marche Building. Ladies, 25 cents.

THE CRAZY EDITOR

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outrageous manner in which it heaped abuse upon him as a candidate and as a citizen. We acknowledge that we did not conduct any such a dirty mud slinging campaign for the head or any other part of the ticket, for we believe the voters of the city are too intelligent to accept such filth for arguments in a municipal contest. Not only did we support the entire ticket; but we refused to admit to our columns a single line detrimental to any of the democratic candidates. This is more than the venal gang in the News office can say. They opened their columns to the republicans who sent in one communication after another condemning Candidate Barrett. This vile sheet that actually allowed the use of its columns to oppose the re-election of Purchasing Agent Barrett, has the nerve to talk to a consistent democratic paper about cuckooism. Worse still, the News gave the aldermanic ticket no support whatever, but did what it could personally and otherwise to

SECURE THE DEFEAT

of the democratic aldermanic candidates. The Libby independent movement was hatched up in the News office and the name of the editor of the News was one of the first that appeared on the nomination papers of Oliver A. Libby. Think of it! Just think of the degree of insanity that must have taken possession of the editor of the News, who after signing the nomination papers of Libby with his own name, advocating that gentleman's election in his paper, printing an engraving of him and three columns of the most laudatory matter that could be published for even a straight democrat. Think of this lunatic crying from the house tops that he is running the only democratic paper in the city, and that The Sun which really was the only paper that stood by the entire democratic ticket is a cuckoo. This is not cheek or gall, it is simply insanity. Furthermore, this so called democratic paper was filled with notices prior to election calling upon the democrats to vote for Libby for alderman, when they knew that every such vote meant destruction to the entire aldermanic ticket. In the midst of all this, The Sun was vigorously opposing the election of Libby and advised democrats as it always advised them for their best interests and for the best interests of their party, not to cast a single vote for this cuckoo, Libby.

If any further evidence of the News man's lunacy were needed it was given at the meeting of the candidates at Associate hall, immediately preceding city election when Candidate Barrett took the floor and

DENOUNCED THE NEWS.

for not giving him or any of the aldermanic candidates the support they were entitled to, and even pointed directly at the editor of the News who sat there most unblushingly knowing that he had done his utmost to destroy the ticket and yet this editorial maniac came out in his newspaper the next day with an article stating that Mr. Barrett had denounced The Sun for not supporting the ticket. His meanness as well as his mendacity was shown when Mr. Barrett denied the statement, and the editor of the News refused to print his denial which was then published in The Sun. It is plain that this renegade editor is trying to scream loud enough to turn attention from his own perfidy and thus escape the condemnation of democrats for the duplicity and the persistent cuckooism of his decaying sheet.

Immediately after election, The Sun learned that the republicans were plotting to go to the legislature with a bill to take the power of appointing a police commissioner from the mayor and transfer it to the governor in order that the republicans might retain control of the police department. No sooner was this legitimate and truthful item of news printed in The Sun than this crazy man announced that The Sun had really started the rumor for the purpose of inducing the republicans to make such a move. As if the republicans needed any such suggestions! The next day, The Sun in an editorial stated in good plain English its opposition to any such scheme on the part of the republicans, and while we had no doubt that Governor Wolcott if he was in office would sign the bill, we depended upon the incoming Governor Crane to refuse to perpetrate any such an outrage on the democrats of the city of Lowell. We denounced the scheme in the plainest and most unqualified terms, and yet this drivelling idiot claims to print The Sun editorial, but omitting a most important part of it, and says that by reading between the lines he can see we mean exactly the reverse of what we said. This is the last stage of

EDITORIAL PARESIS

and the poor fellow is undoubtedly a hopeless case. The town is laughing at him and he is making an absolute ass of himself and still more of a laughing stock of the filthy sheet he edits.

The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, as it has done at every election, but it refused to admit to its columns every communication that would reflect upon any candidate on the ticket from the top to the bottom. We condemned the independent action of Libby as outrageous and likely to destroy the chances of a majority in the aldermanic board, which it did. We refused the use of our columns to the republicans for advertising their campaign or their candidates, and even the Crowley-McEvoy controversy which some papers were mean enough to dish up to the public, was scrupulously excluded from the columns of The Sun. We saw that the incident might be used by the republicans for campaign purposes and we also saw that the controversy might descend into some such a personal quarrel as the Collins-Murphy fight which defeated the democracy in Boston; therefore, we kept the matter out of our columns, while some who pretend to criticize The Sun used it to the injury of the democratic party. There is not a single iota of fact upon which any charge of cuckooism can be made against The Sun, and every democrat in Lowell knows it. The purpose of the News is quite plain. It has been a renegade sheet for years past and is always for sale and to let to the highest bidder. It has been crooked in every election since it was started, and at this late day it is trying to kick up a dust to cover its past treachery. It will find, however, that it cannot fool the democrats of this city with any cock-and-bull story calculated to put aside its own cuckooism by crying "cuckoo" at others. The News at one time enjoyed a measure of the confidence and support of the democrats of Lowell; but it sacrificed that confidence and support long ago and it has been slowly starving to death ever since. Every one remembers how it bolted the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president, and refused to support the Chicago platform or any of the nominees of the Chicago convention. This was the beginning of the decline of the Lowell Daily Cuckoo. It followed up this piece of treachery by bolting the nomination of George Fred Williams for governor. Not only did it oppose his nomination, but even after he was nominated in a legal and proper manner, the News reviled him, made fun of him, and did everything in its power

TO DESTROY

the democratic organization in Lowell that was pledged to his support. This is the same sheet that always stood by Chadwick when he was running for city treasurer, and even took up the support of Walter Sawyer when he ran for the same office against straight democratic candidates. The News office has been the home and breeding place of the local cuckoos for years. Every one remembers the cuckoos of the Flats who betrayed the party and who originally brought the present police regime into power that has disintegrated the democracy of Lowell; yet the cuckoos of the Flats were always the canonized saints of the Lowell Daily News. The democrats of Lowell remember when the News sold its columns to Charles D. Palmer; they also remember when it sold its columns to J. W. Bennett and covered its dirty pages with announcements that its readers should vote for Bennett. In the famous deadlock at city hall, the venomous gang in the News office that is now howling "cuckoo" were the backers of "asphaltina" Bob Crowley and his crowd who, in the most treacherous manner, brought about the cuckooism that resulted in breaking the deadlock and driving the loyal democrats from city hall. The News has always been the special organ of the Crowley-Fifield-Lilley school of non-partisan democracy, but we confess that we have never been able to see anything in that particular brand of democracy that has been of any use to the rank and file of the democratic party. The Sun has always stood by the common people, the masses of the democracy, and not the bosses, the millionaire office-holders or the mugwump non-partisans who have associated themselves with the party for the purpose of controlling it and turning it over, body and soul, to its enemies. Had the advice of The Sun been followed in the past, the democracy of Lowell would not be in the disorganized condition in which it is today, and has been for over a year. All our predictions on this point

HAVE BEEN FULFILLED,

but we still have faith in the real democracy and we believe that they will yet see their way clear to build up the party on straight democratic lines when the bone and sinew of the party gets rid of the renegades, the cuckoos, and the non-partisans. The Sun was preaching the straight democratic doctrine to the democrats of Lowell before the News was born. It preached the straight democratic doctrine to the same people while the News was betraying them and opposing their candidates and it will be preaching straight democracy to the Lowell democrats when the News is dead, buried and forgotten.

We observe with much regret that the new Sunday paper, the Sunday Telegram, has joined the News in this crusade of personal abuse of the proprietor of The Sun. Whether they are doing so from instigation or through a misunderstanding, we do not know, but there is not a particle of truth, cause or justice to sustain their position. We may say that while we have no controversy with the Sunday Telegram, we are satisfied that it will not find its unreasonable and unjust position in this matter either creditable or profitable. We apologize to our readers for taking up so much of their time on a matter which is so largely personal. We realize that the people of Lowell do not like personal or newspaper quarrels, but we think we owe it to our readers and ourselves to make this explanation and to dispose of this absurd charge as well as to expose the purpose and the treachery of these would-be newspaper critics.

MUSIC HALL

The "High Rollers" played to a full house last night and will appear again tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening. The olio was the cleverest of the season, the specialties were all very funny and the catchy songs and the dances pleased everybody.

A NEW FARCE.

"Dad in Harness" a cleverly constructed new farce comedy will shortly be presented in this city by that versatile author, Kenneth Lee, also the author of several other successes, viz: Weber & Field's "The Glad Hand," Johnstone Bennett's "A Quiet Evening at Home," and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drew's "When Two Hearts are Won," of which the latter had a run of five months at the Tivoli, London, Eng. It is said of the company that is to portray the several characters that everyone is of some known repute. Otis B. Thayer, late of "The Tarrytown Widow" Co., and Beatrice McKenzie late of the "Hotel Topsy-Turvy Co., head the list and others are Florence Elliott late of the "Bride Elect" Co., Kenneth Lee, Lillian Gerome Martin, Gertrude Chamberlin, Robert Robson, etc. It is said that special attention will be given to the stagecraft and that numerous refined specialties will be introduced by the clever array of comedians. "Dad in Harness" will be presented at Music Hall the first three days next week, commencing Monday, Dec. 25th, matinee will be given Monday, Christmas day.

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Boston Woman Ejected Shoots a Barber

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A colored barber, Joshua T. Jones, who with a woman giving her name as Lida Jones and claiming to be his wife, has lived in the rear of his shop at 21 Village street, was shot in the breast by the woman yesterday after she had been driven from the house.

The couple had a row in the afternoon, and after a war of words, Lida was ordered out of the house, the order being accompanied by force on the part of Jones. Soon after the woman re-entered the house and securing a revolver, fired from the back yard through a window in the shop just as Jones came into the room. The latter fell to the floor where he was found and taken to the hospital.

NO BERTHS FOR NEGROES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler has signed the bill prohibiting the sleeping car companies operating in the state from furnishing berths to negro passengers except in coaches used especially for the accommodation of negroes. The measure is now a law.

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SHOULD IRELAND STRIKE ENGLAND NOW?

Editor Sun: I think this is the right time for Ireland to strike a blow for her independence as England has about all she can do to attend to the Boers. Why not take the opportunity? There may not be another like it for a century. What do you think of it? IRISHMAN.

If Ireland could strike for freedom, with any show of success, by all means, we would advise her to do so. We have often heard that England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity, but England's difficulty has not embarrassed her sufficiently to cause her to withdraw her forces to any great extent from Ireland. That unhappy country has been under the thumb of England for seven hundred years yet kept up a physical force struggle until her resources were completely exhausted, until the whole country was so overrun with British soldiers and police that it was impossible for any large number of people to hold a meeting without the knowledge of the English authorities. No meetings of a secret nature can be carried on very long without some of England's spies working their way into them, and getting all the information necessary to secure conviction for conspiracy. Hence it is almost impossible for the Irish people to organise in Ireland secretly and without such organization they can accomplish nothing like a successful uprising against the government. The landlords who own practically the entire country are all in sympathy with the government and they keep a watch over their tenants to prevent any movement against the government. On account of their service in this respect they are dubbed the English garrison in Ireland and they are worse than a military body, for they are mostly all magistrates who preside at the lower courts and have thus an opportunity to impose whatever penalties they see fit upon the people who come before them. The population of Ireland has been reduced by English oppression from 8,500,000 to less than 4,600,000 and these consist mainly of children, their parents and the very aged people, as when the young people reach adult age they emigrate to America or some other country. Thus Ireland's power of resistance is weakened more and more and a rising at the present time would be almost certain to fail, because the people have no arms, no ammunition, no military training, no possible chance of gaining any of these requisites. It is true their kindred in other lands would gladly help them if they could, but they can't send armed men; they can't send arms or ammunition; they can't send anything to help except money, and the very first attempt to use that in aiding a seditious movement would be met with the most determined resistance that England could put forth. If a rebellion broke out in Ireland tomorrow with any promise of success, England would drop the Boer war at once and ship her best soldiers and her most noted butchers to Ireland.

Irishmen both at home and abroad are willing enough to enter into any movement for the liberation of their country but the present is not the opportune moment. They are following the right course in aiding the Boers with men and money because if England is beaten in Africa, it will mark the beginning of her downfall, especially of her colonial system which is so abhorrent to the Boers and to Irishmen. Those who know the oppression that the Irish people have suffered under England will only admire them for helping the Boers, just as Englishmen everywhere are expected to stand for the mother country and her colonial supremacy.

TO PLACATE THE GERMANS.

The action of President McKinley in going out of his way in his message to specially compliment Germany shows the real character of the man.

Mr. McKinley knew that there was widespread hostility among the German-American voters against his policy of imperialism and the avowed friendship of the national administration for England. The hospitality had become so universal as to threaten republican success in states which gave McKinley sweeping majorities in '96 notably Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. McKinley was so alarmed by this revolt within the party that he set diligently to work to ascertain its extent and counteract the hostility.

Although it is a well known fact that the McKinley administration is in full sympathy with England in the war against the Boers and that the colonial policy of England is one of the ambitions of Mark Hanna's dishonesty, the president gushes over Germany in his annual message and descending the plane of the smooth politician, undertakes to use a state paper to placate defection.

Mr. McKinley will find that the German-Americans are unalterably hostile to imperialism, that their sympathies are with the brave Boers, who are struggling to establish an independent republic and that they are not to be caught by the cheap flattery of John Bull's right bower.

The report of a committee to the Building Trades Council of Chicago in December, 1899 shows a disparity between the rise in prices of materials and the advance in wages sufficiently great to take the edge off our "overwhelming prosperity." Among the brushmakers, bristles have advanced 30 to 40 per cent within a year, but the employes have not received an advance since 1893. However, ten hours a week has been added to working time without an increase in wages. Window glass is 85 per cent and plate-glass 120 to 200 per cent in advance of 1897 prices, with an advance in wages of only 12 per cent over 1892. Brick is 75 per cent beyond the prices of a year ago, but the increase in wages is only 8½ per cent. Among metal workers there is an increase of from 5 to 7 per cent in wages with profits to manufacturers of 30 per cent. Prices in the terra cotta trade have not changed, but the wages have decreased 37½ per cent. So it goes on with prosperity booming in every direction except among the people who toil.

Gen. Lawton died a soldier's death. He was a brave general and it is be regretted that he met such a death. Still the generals who set out to shoot the Filipinos must not be surprised if the latter strike back. They are defending their lives and their homes and making a gallant fight for freedom.

It is getting near Christmas and the youngsters expect a visit from Santa Claus. If we had an interview with the old gentleman, we would advise him not to disappoint them. The young men have enough to do to select presents for their sweethearts.

The city of Lawrence is the dullest we know of in regard to newspapers. The bulletins do not attract and even the newsboys are scarcely heard on ordinary occasions.

CRISP GOSSIP

While passing down Market street by the Green school yard the other day I noticed a sight which is worthy of mention. A man who keeps a grocery store in that vicinity had a barrel placed on the sidewalk between the girls' and boys' yard. On the barrel he had a couple of baskets filled with apples, cakes, pickles, candy and other sweetmeats. It was not very long before his supply was exhausted, and he had to replenish it. It is said that he makes considerable money out of this little scheme of his.

The other day a friend of mine received two tickets for a sacred concert to be held on a Sunday night. The next evening he called on his lady friend and invited her to go to the concert. They wended their way toward the hall where the concert was to take place, and to their amazement found the hall in darkness. The young man was sure that he had the right hall, and to verify his belief he produced the tickets. But it seems that the concert was to take place two weeks later. The young man of course made due apologies to the young lady who, of course, said she was willing to wait.

Did it ever occur to you that there is an unusually large number of cripples, blind men and beggars around the streets of our city this month. One can hardly pass a corner without hearing the familiar strains of a hand organ or an accordion. The majority of these people pick out the Hamilton wall on Central street as their stand. A few spare coppers thrown their way will never be missed.

It is hard work for a person to navigate his way up Merrimack or Central streets these evenings without having a collision with someone. From seven until nine o'clock the streets are pack d with people who are purchasing Christmas presents.

Last evening a woman with at least ten bundles of every size and description boarded a Merrimack street car. After delaying the car a couple of minutes by getting off and picking up a couple of bundles she had dropped, she started to lay the bundles one by one on the seat beside her. The conductor gave her a look as much as to say "I wonder if you thing this is a freight car?"

A hardware dealer in this city who ordered an extra large order of skates this year, says that if it doesn't get cold very soon he will have to go into insolvency.

Not long ago while in the post office I missed a familiar figure, that of "Rover, the post office dog." Upon inquiring I found out that "Rover" had gone to the "happy hunting grounds," having passed away. "Rover" was owned by Mr. William H. Howard, a clerk in the office, and he felt bad over the loss of his dog. "Rover" was everybody's pet and a great favorite with the boys.

The weather has been so good this month that an aggregation of local "bikers" have decided to run a century on New Year's day. They may have to do it in sleighs though.

The residents of Pawtucketville now have to pay twelve cents for a two-cent stamp. There is no place in that district where they can buy stamps, and when they need one they have to take a car down town. Coburn's store in Pawtucketville was a stamp agency until this year when a law was passed doing away with these agencies. It is very inconvenient for residents in that section of the city who forget to buy their stamps when they are down town.

An old lady approached an electric car the other day. "Do you go to the First Congregational church?" she inquired of the conductor. "No, lady" he replied," I have to work every sunday, so I don't get a chance."

Rapid progress is being made in the repairing of the old card clothing building, which was damaged by fire a short time ago. At one stage of the fire it looked as if it was "all off" with the old landmark.

The only thing that is worrying the boys and girls is whether there will be any skating or coasting during Christmas week. The chances are very much against them.

The bicycle stores of a few years ago used to keep open during the riding season and close up during the winter. But now they are more up-to-date; they sell wheels in the summer and during the winter when there is a lull in the "bike" business they sell phonographs skates, gas lights and numerous other things.

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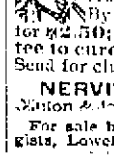

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DIED IN IRELAND

MOTHER OF MRS. JOHN WARBURTON PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN LIMERICK CITY.

Mrs. Anne Murphy, mother of Mrs. John Warburton and Mrs. Patrick Beardon of this city, died recently at her home in Limerick, Ire. The funeral was a remarkably large one for a woman in private life, and is described in the Munster News and Limerick Advocate under date of December 6, as follows:

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. ANNE MURPHY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Murphy, whose death occurred at her residence, Thomond Row, on Sunday, at the venerable age of 75 years, took place yesterday from St. Munchin's parochial church was the mother of the Very Rev. Mrs. Murphy, who came of an old and much esteemed family, that has given many sons to the service of the Holy church, was the mother of the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, president, St. Munchin's College, secretary to the Lord Bishop; the Rev. John Murphy, O. S. A., and the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C. (deceased). Death has been busy among the family of late. A month has scarcely passed since the daughter of the lamented deceased, Mrs. Johanna Fitzgerald, breathed her last, and some six months prior to that the community at large mourned the loss of her son, the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C., St. John's Chaplain, St. John's fever hospital. Much sympathy is felt for the surviving relatives at the many bereavements they have been called upon to sustain within a period so comparatively brief. The funeral yesterday was representative of the city, and testified in an eloquent manner the deep respect in which the members of the family are held. Immediately before the funeral solemn requiem mass was celebrated at St. Munchin's church, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy; deacon, Rev. Father O'Driscoll; sub-deacon, Rev. Father O'Dwyer, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. O'Shea. The chanters were the Rev. John Griffin, C. C.; Rev. M. Murphy, C. C.; Rev. R. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. C.; and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, C. C. The mass was attended by a large section of the citizens and outside public. At the conclusion of the office for the dead, the remains were borne from the catafalque, on which they rested in front of the high altar to the hearse in waiting. The cortege then moved to the place of interment.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev. Andrew Murphy and Rev. John Murphy, O.S.A. (sons), Mr. Patrick Power, Clare Castle, and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, (sons-in-law), Masters Fitzgerald, Riordan, and Power (grandsons), Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. James Fitzgerald, Mr. Matthew Hogan, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Mr. P. McInerney, and Mr. J. Lillis.

The clergy included besides those already mentioned: The Lord Bishop Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, who read the burial service; Very Rev. T. Shanahan, P. P., V. G., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm., St. John's Cathedral; Very Rev. Fr. Bannon, O. P., Prior; Rev. Fr. Dubig, O. P.; Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, O. S. A., Prior; Rev. Louis Brophy, O. P., Sub-Prior; Rev. Fr. Dunlon, O. S. A.; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Devane, C. C.; Very Rev. Father Maher, S. J.; Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S. J.; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. O'Laverty, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Conway, P. P., St. Patrick's; Rev. D. Sanahan, P. P., St. Mary's; Rev. Fr. Cregan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hogan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Leary, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Donovan, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. Boylan, Provincial, C. SS. R.; Rev. J. Begley, C. C.; Rev. Michael O'Donnell, Adm., St. Michaels. Rev. J. Lee, C. C., do; Rev. S. O'Connor, C.C.; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. L. Gleeson, P. P., Parteen; Rev. R. Kirby, P. P., Patrickswell; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C. C.; Rev. A. O'Leary, The College; Rev. D. Keane, do; Rev. T. Hogan, do; Rev. Father Larkin, O. S. F.

The general public included:—Dr. J. O'Shaughnessy, D. L.; Messrs. James Quin, J. P.; John F. Power, Wm. Lloyd, T. M. Bourke, Ralph Nash, solr; J. Hogan (Shaws & Sons), Wm. Ebrill, T. Lillis, P. McInerney (Cannock & Co.), James H. Roche, T. P. Macauley, James Wallace, Thomas McSweeney, John Creagh, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Power, C. Devane, T. H. Cleeve, T. C. F. Cleeve, R. Walker, James Delaney, J. H. Forest, George O'Dea, James O'Mara, (McBirney & Co.), James Doyle, solr; M. Lawlor (Todd & Co.), J. Egan, R. Coremin, Stephen Hastings, solr.; Wm. N. Nolan, town clerk; Stephen Tobrloy, P. Riordan, manager gas works; Wm. E. Corbett, C. E.; M. Moylett, J. Hughes, M. O'Conor, John Clune, J. P.; Henry O'Shea, J. J. F. Browne, C. E., and others.

The boys attached to St. Munchin's college formed into procession, and marched after the chief mourners.

PARIS EXPERT

LECTURES ON HOW TO ESCAPE IF BURIED ALIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The danger of being buried alive, according to the facts and statistics presented by Emile Canis, the Parisian expert, who has come to this country to exhibit a device for preventing this horrible accident, has aroused general interest in medical circles.

M. Canis lectured before the Medico-Legal society after their dinner at the St. Andrews' Hotel Wednesday night. The manager of the hotel refused to permit M. Canis to put up his apparatus, which is called "Karnice," and the lecturer was forced to dispense with illustrations from life. M. Canis does not speak English and the lecture was read by his assistant, M. Durad.

Five persons in every one thousand who are buried as dead revive in their coffins, according to the most trustworthy estimates. Up to the time of the invention of Count Carnicki, no means had been devised as a remedy.

"Karnice," the device, consists of a tube four inches in diameter and six feet long, with a metal box at the top. When in use the lower end of the tube is fitted hermetically into the coffin or box, in which the body has been placed. When the coffin is buried the metal box rests on the surface of the ground.

A steel tube runs from the mechanism in the metal box through the axis of the tube down into the coffin, where it terminates in a round knob, which rests upon the chest of the body. Any movement of the body within the coffin moves the knob, which communicates with the mechanism in the box and releases a lever. The lever acts upon a spring, which rings an alarm bell, throws up a gilt ball as a signal and opens up an air passage to the interior of the coffin.

If at the end of two weeks after a body has been buried the alarm signal has not been rung the apparatus may be removed with safety.

At the close of his lecture M. Canis told through his interpreter the sensations which he experienced during a two hours' burial with a "Karnice" attachment to his coffin.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Jean Lamoureux the celebrated musical conductor, died yesterday after a two days' illness.

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A FIERCE FIGHT

Spike Sullivan Awarded the Decision Over Flaherty

SULLIVAN'S EAR WAS NEARLY TORN

Fighting Was Fast and Furious From Start

MIKE SEARS WON OVER DAVENPORT

Chas. Goff Defeated Geoffry Thorne of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—About 1000 people witnessed the 20-round contest between Spike Sullivan of Ireland and Martin Flaherty of Lowell at the Manhattan club last evening. Jimmie Colville of Boston was referee. Many sporting men from New York, Boston and other points were present. Sullivan was the favorite in the betting at 100 to 60.

Sullivan entered the ring at 9.50. Flaherty not appearing till 15 minutes later. A heated argument ensued about Sullivan wearing bandages on his hands, but he finally consented to take them off, walking to Flaherty's corner and throwing them at him. Time was called at 10.20.

Flaherty was the aggressor at the start, and had Sullivan on his knees when the gong sounded in the first round. The succeeding rounds were bitterly fought, Sullivan showing worse signs of punishment. His left ear was nearly torn off.

Flaherty was floored in the 20th round and nearly knocked out. Sullivan got the decision.

MIKE SEARS WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 22.—Mike Sears and Jimmy Davenport met in a 15-round bout at the Kirkland A. C. last night, and referee Jack Sheehan declared Sears the winner on points. A good crowd was present, and the boxing was of the spirited kind.

Before the boxers appeared in the ring a delegate from the Salvation Army, which has been decrying the sport, went among the members for contributions to help buy Christmas dinners for the poor people of Lynn. He received a large amount.

There was little difference in the weights of Davenport and Sears, but Davenport was in the better condition. For eight rounds Sears was the aggressor, and he landed fully three blows to Davenport's one. Several times Sears failed to take advantage of good openings, and had he directed more of his blows to Davenport's body instead of the head the bout might not have gone the limit.

Davenport did some clever parrying and dodging, but his blows did not seem to have much steam behind them.

After 10 rounds Sears began to tire, and Davenport landed oftener, but he could not overcome the lead that Sears had gained in the other rounds.

It is a big setback for Davenport to be declared the loser, for had he defeated Sears he was to have been taken to England and matched to box Jabez White at the National A. C.

BOUTS AT BROCKTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22.—At the monthly meeting of the Crescent Athletic club last night about 400 sports, including a carload from Taunton and a large delegation from Boston, saw three corking good sparring matches. The principal bout of the evening was between Maurice Rosenberg of Boston and Billy Berkley of Cambridge. They sparred 12 rounds. During the first six rounds Rosenberg was hard after Berkley's wind and was rather the more aggressive. Berkley countered repeatedly with hard swings at Rosenberg's jaw, but was met with a superb blocking game that was practically invulnerable.

During the last six rounds Rosenberg simply kept out of reach and forced Berkley to do all the leading. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Berkley rather jarred Rosenberg with a number of hot jabs on the jaw and bothered him with repeated assaults on the nose. Berkley's aggressiveness rather winded him and he was pretty tired at the bell of the last round. Rosenberg was not tired at all. The whole match, however, about evened up the men. After the bout it was found that Berkley had dislocated his thumb in the fourth round. Rosenberg's followers made fun for the crowd by trying to get away with the gloves.

The second go of importance was between Spike Haley of Boston and Young Tierney of Holbrook. Haley, who has quite a reputation, found the country boy a tough problem and a good ring general. Tierney had rather the better of the go. It lasted six rounds.

A four-round bout followed between John Murphy of Boston and Jim Marrow, a colored sparrer from Whitman. Early in the first round, Marrow pushed a hot one to Murphy's jaw that laid him low. The round was cut short. In the second round Marrow administered the same medicine and Murphy was forced to quit.

CHARLEY GOFF WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley Goff of California defeated the English middleweight boxer, Geoffrey Thorne, in less than two rounds before the Hercules A. C. in Brooklyn last night. The men met at catch weights, but there was very little difference in their respective wights. Both put up a fast fight from the first clang of the gong, each essaying left leads and right arm crosses. Towards the end of the first round Thorne went down from a right hand cross on the jaw. After three seconds he rose as aggressive as ever, giving Goff several facers before the bell. On the second round Goff went at his man in smash, bang style and with scarcely a committee back forced the pace in hurricane order, finally sending Thorne down and out with a left swinging smash on the jaw. Time of round, 5 seconds.

VETOES BILL

GOV. CANDLER OPPOSED TO QUACKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler, after a conference with many physicians yesterday vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the general assembly providing for the practice in this state of osteopathy, treating of the structural development of the bone. The physicians contended that osteopathists known nothing of materia medica while they would be given the right to prescribe medicine the same as a regular licensed physician, should the bill become operative.

GOLD GOING TO ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's financial expert says he understands that the Bank of England has made advances against £2,000,000 gold to arrive from New York, including Saturday's shipments.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of Lowell Council, Royal Arcanum, last night seven applications were received and six candidates were initiated.

Court Wamesit, F. of A., held its regular meeting last night. One candidate was initiated and two propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing term were elected.

Lowell lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting last night and received two propositions. Six candidates were also initiated. Officers were nominated to be elected at the next meeting.

Bay State Colony, Pilgrim Fathers, held its regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The third degree was conferred on several candidates last night at the regular meeting of Wannalancit Encampment, I. O. O. F. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

One candidate was initiated at the regular meeting of Excelsior lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., last night. Officers were elected for the ensuing term.

James A. Garfield, Woman's Relief Corps, held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

The regular meeting of the Westford Grange was held last evening, routine business being transacted. The usual entertainment followed.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

WITH SHAKESPEARE.

Last evening, the members of the Grace Church Literary society enjoyed a delightful time with Shakespeare. The great author's famous character of King Richard the Third was discussed at length and many new characteristics of the man who was born before his time were brought to light. The evening's study, was one of the most enjoyable of the season's events thus far.

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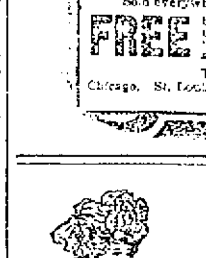

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GERMAN WARSHIP

Entered Port au Prince Yesterday

ITS ARRIVAL CAUSED COMMOTION

Haytien Judges Refuse to Perform Duties

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 8.—The German warship Nixe entered this port yesterday, coming from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. The ship which has a crew of 350 sailors and marines, and mounts 17 guns, saluted the Haytian flag. The salute was returned by the forts. The arrival of the Nixe caused a general commotion among the population, owing to the fact that it occurred on the day before the anniversary of the threatened bombardment of Port au Prince by the Germans two years ago, at the time of the Ludere affair and the people believed that the Nixe had been sent here to enforce the immediate settlement of another dispute in which a German resident of this city named Tippenhauer is at present interested.

It is quite possible that the unexpected arrival of the foreign warship has no relation to the dispute in question. But according to the suppositions freely expressed by Haytian patriots since the anchoring of the Nixe it may eventuate into an international question of the most important character. They recall that the claim or "reclamation" presented some time ago by the German minister, Dr. Michahelles, apropos of the refusal of the civil tribunal of Port au Prince to pronounce a sentence in the Tippenhauer affair, is still pending. Dr. Michahelles maintains that if the Haytien judges refuse to occupy themselves with the affairs of parties amenable to their jurisdiction, a kind of special court should be established at the legation, to pronounce upon law suits which may hereafter originate between subjects of Germany residing in Hayti. It is said, however, that such action would amount to a judicial violation of the Monroe doctrine about which the patriots add: "The United States would surely have something to say."

HARRIS' RECORD

Well Known Criminal Identified by Watts

IS CHARGED WITH STEALING $8000

Will be Held for Pittsburg Officers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A man known to the police as "Doc" Harris, who was arrested here last night, was identified today by Chief Watts as a criminal with a long record. The police say he is wanted in Pittsburg, Pa., for stealing from the store of A. E. Siedle, a tray of diamonds valued at $800. Chief Watts today notified the police of Pittsburg of the capture of Harris and he will be held until an officer arrives to take him back.

In 1884 Harris was arrested in Lynn for robbery and sent to the Ipswich jail for a year. After two months he escaped. He was caught in Chicago and brought back and given a year extra for jail breaking. A short time later he again escaped. On July 2, 1885, he was arrested in New York and sent away for a year. On September 26, 1888, after being released for good conduct from the Eastern penitentiary, he was caught in Manchester, N. H., and given a sentence of six months. In October, 1888, he was captured in Newburyport and sent back to the Ipswich jail to finish out his sentence for jail breaking. After his release he got into trouble in other states.

TRAINS COLLIDE

Eleven Cars Were Destroyed By Fire

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Dec. 21.—Two locomotives and eleven cars were totally wrecked in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, near here today. The debris caught fire and eleven cars were destroyed. The train hands jumped, and and all escaped serious injury.

KITCHENER'S TRAIN DERAILED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAIRO, Dec. 21.—The train conveying General Lord Kitchener, now on his way from the Soudan to South Africa, via this city, was derailed north of Luxor. Happily, it only retarded the general's arrival here.

ENTERED BY BURGLARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 21.—The store of John Sleeper at Plaistow, N. H., in which is situated the post office, was entered by burglars during the night. Little of value was taken although a considerable amount of goods was found piled up on the floor, the men having evidently left in a hurry.

TWO SEIZURES

MADE BY INSPECTORS THIS AFTERNOON.

The liquor inspectors did good work this afternoon, making two seizures. The first one was made at Thomas J. Lynch's house in Crowley street, off Moore, where they seized three cases of beer and a quantity of wine and whiskey. The second one was made at a small store at 67 Charles street, owned by Gilman Litman. Here they seized two half barrels of ale.

CANDIDATE FOR SELECTMAN.

Michael Whelton, a former surveyor of highways in Dracut and one of the best known democrats in the town, has announced his candidacy for selectman. He has a strong following in Collinsville, where he lives, and stands an excellent chance of landing the nomination and being elected.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

RAILROAD MEN

Attended Interstate Commerce Commission Hearing

RATES OF FREIGHT DISCUSSED

Argued That They are Getting Lower

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A hearing was begun today by the Interstate commerce commission in the matter of changes in freight classification, and advances in freight rates by carriers using the official classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification by carriers have been agreed upon to take effect on Jan. 1, 1900. To determine this question the session of today was held. Many of the most prominent railroad freight officials and shippers of the eastern part of the country attended the hearing.

At the opening, C. E. Gill of New York, chairman of the official classification committee was put upon the stand.

He said that the committee was satisfied that the proposed advances were necessary and he intimated that for the same reason, still further advances would probably have to be made, upon many articles Mr. Gill maintained that existing rates of freight were unjustifiably low.

Mr. Gill maintained that the proposed new classifications generally speaking were restorations of freight rates that prevailed when commercial and trade conditions were similar to what they now are. It was his belief and that of his colleagues on the classification committee that the recent marked advance in the price of railway equipment and operation, in steel rails and all forms of steel and iron, etc., rendered it necessary for the railroads in a degree proportionately to advance freight rates. He said freight rates had been on a gradually descending scale for about 20 years but he was unable to say whether the proposed new rates would be higher or lower than the rates which prevailed in 1892.

In a statement to the commission, W. A. Day, attorney for the commission, said that a comparison of the proposed rates on certain specific articles showed that the new rates would be higher than ever existed since the commission was created.

BOERS MODERATE

IN REGARD TO PEACE CONDITIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions.

"The chief anxiety of the knighers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lorenzo Marques."

ENGLISH ALARM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There was no news from South Africa up to 3 p. m., other than fragments of disconnected stories of past events. This silence is having the natural effect of creating forebodings.

The splendid patriotism of the volunteers continues to be evidenced on all sides. The newspapers note with satisfaction the effect that this display of British spirit and evidence of the sources the empire is able to command is having on continental critics. The Westminster Gazette, however, sounds a note of alarm. It thinks the moment is peculiarly unpropitious to send abroad the home defenders, since no one is quite easy as to the effect it will have upon Great Britain's European neighbors.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice went by train from Windsor to Farnborough this morning and spent an hour with ex-Empress Eugenie.

The Queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers which announced that it has never been Her Majesty's habit to display grief like a hysterical school girl.

GENERAL ROBERTS' MESSAGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The parting message which General Lord Roberts sent yesterday through The Associated Press to the American people is republished in London today and occupied the foremost place in the afternoon papers here which characterize the curt, simple words as eminently soldierly and as having the ring, which, it is claimed, should make the relations between the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Although it arrived too late for usual display headlines show that his references to Americans friendliness and Canada's patriotism and his repudiation of the charges of Irish disloyalty are widely approved.

TAKE 44 PRISONERS

BOERS STATE THAT THEIR LOSS WAS SMALL—BRITISH ASK ARMISTICE TO BURY THE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRITISH CAMP AT CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 26.—There was heavy firing this morning at Ladysmith.

Col. G. M. Bullock of the 1st Devonshires, three of his officers and 40 of his men, were taken prisoners by Boers flying a flag of truce and looking for their wounded.

An ambulance train is taking the British who were wounded in yesterday's (Friday's) battle at the Tugela river to Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg.

ON LONDON 'CHANGE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Business on the stock exchange started steadier on the announcement that the bank rate was not raised. France sent buying orders but sellers were too numerous. The market collapsed and the announcement of the rise of the French bank rate led to the general disorganization and an avalanche of forced sales. Consols dropped ¾ to 99⅛ for the account and for money.

WOMAN DENTIST.

Miss Bertha J. Davis of Dracut Centre, formerly of 54 Grove street, has returned home to spend the holidays, from her studies in Baltimore, where she is attending the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the oldest dental college in the world. Miss Davis graduated from the Lowell High school in the class of '91 and has been well and popularly known for the past three years as dental assistant in one of our local dental offices. We think Miss Davis is the first Lowell lady to matriculate and to be graduated from a regularly authorized dental college and Lowell people should be proud of the fact.

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SAMOAN TROUBLE

Has Not Been Reported by U. S. Counsul

REPORT OF TROUBLE EXAGGERATED

Germany Makes an Official Statement

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following statement is made by the official German authorities here:

"A press telegram of the 13th inst. from Apia, via Auckland, reports that the German consul in Apia has solemnly proclaimed the pending annexation of Samoa by Germany to a number of Samoan chiefs on board the German man-of-war and that on the same he hoisted the German flag on the supreme court.

"This report does not cover the reports received in Berlin from the German consul in Apia, according to the instructions which he has received from Berlin, it seems to be absolutely untrue.

"The German consul has likewise wired on the 13th inst., but he simply states that certain Tanu chiefs have refused to pay the head tax imposed by the three consuls, hence they had been ordered to leave the district by the thirteen chiefs. The three consuls have instructed the 13 chiefs to send the aggressors to Apia for trial. This has been agreed upon."

The state department has had no message from our consul at Apia to confirm the reports of fresh trouble in Samoa and this fact is regarded as sufficient to show that any slight disturbance that may have occurred has been very much exaggerated in the report. The officials are confident that whatever trouble may occur will not be chargeable to the German officials.

WAS FOUND DEAD

Peter Boden Shot Himself Through Heart

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Peter Boden, 56 years of age, was found dead in his room at the Bancroft Hotel here today. He had shot himself through the heart. He left two letters, one addressed to "Mr. Potter, back of Main street, Woonsocket, R. I.," and the other to "Tampsel Deporte, Passoag, R. I." They have been mailed. Mr. Broder had been here about two weeks. He said he was last employed as a boss butcher in Holyoke, Mass.

THE MAINE HEROES

Their Bodies Placed on the Warship

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies. The bodies were newly coffined and placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed. At 10 o'clock last night 26 wagons formed a mournful procession carrying 251 coffins to the Machina wharf. The bodies reached the wharf at 12:35 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas, and were placed aboard two steam lighters before daylight and were taken to the warship at 6 a. m.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—The social democrats held a celebration in this city last night over their success in the recent elections, when they elected the mayor, three aldermen and three councilmen. All the speeches were of a socialistic nature.

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

JUROR'S QUESTION

Answered by Expert Kinsley in Molineux Trial

TYRRELL ON THE STAND AGAIN

His Examination by Attorney Osborne Begun

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—When the Molineux trial was resumed today, handwriting expert William J. Kinsley was recalled for a short time to answer several questions asked by Foreman Martin just as he was leaving the stand, last Tuesday. The foreman had asked the expert what he meant by "Misdirected handwriting." Mr. Kinsley said today that by a dissimulated hand he meant one that was produced when a man attempted to form a complete, new hand, to write less like his own hand than like another's. Mr. Kinsley then told the jurors of the handwriting specimens secured and examined by him in this case. He told them that he had secured specimens from several persons which he examined sufficiently to satisfy him that they had nothing to do with the poison package address.

Mr. Tyrrell's examination was then begun. Mr. Osborne asked him to illustrate by crayon the word "Find" in exhibit "9" the admitted writing of the defendant and "H" and the letter being a request for a marriage guide, signed H. C. Barnet. He was asked if he thought they were of the same mental conception, differing only in mechanical form, and replied in the affirmative. He was asked if he thought it were possible for any two persons to write the word "find" the same as it was written in the two exhibits, that is—writing the first three letters and then a break; then forming the final letter. He replied that he thought it quite possible. He was asked to take the same word in several other exhibits and reproduce it.

When he did so, Mr. Osborne asked: "Now, Mr. Tyrrell, what do you find about these words?"

"I find that indications of the mental conception are practically inexhaustive."

The witness was next asked to illustrate certain words from the poison package address, exhibit "D," the Harpster-Cornish letter "C" and "E" two letters signed "Barnet," and "21" and "40" of the admitted specimens. He thought they were all of the same mental conception and betrayed a similarity of mechanical formation. The witness next placed on the blackboard the several capital "F's" in the poison package address and exhibits "15," "22" and "27" of admitted specimens and said he found in them similar elements in the matter of mental conception and mechanical form. He said he thought they all had been written by the same hand, and that the hand of the defendant.

The witness was asked if he considered the oval letters an important point. He said that he did and that it was in his judgment, one of the most important points in establishing the identity of the writer of the poison package address and the disputed Barnet-Cornish letters. The witness said he also considered it important that when the defendant wrote by request he failed to make the usual and characteristic break. The recorder at this point asked the witness to illustrate by crayon the two initial "C's" in the words "Cornish" and "Club" in the poison package address.

Then Mr. Osborne asked the witness to take the "C" in the word "Can" in two or three of the admitted specimens and compare it with the "C" in "Club" in the poison package address. He was then asked to explain to the jury what he thought to be the dominating traits of resemblance between the specimens and what he thought concerning the identity of the writer of them all.

He said they thought they were all in the same handwriting. Mr. Tyrrell was then asked if he knew the handwriting of Harry S. Cornish. He replied that he had seen him write three or four times. He was then asked to identify one of several specimens of the Cornish writings, but Mr. Weeks objected and the court sustained the objection.

Mr. Osborne strenuously pleaded with the court to allow him to identify and place them in evidence as standards of comparison for the purpose of proving that Cornish did not write the forged Cornish letters.

After much argument, the recorder reversed the ruling previously made in reference to the sustaining of Mr. Weeks' objection, and allowed Mr. Osborne to put the question to the witness as to the handwriting of Cornish. The witness identified the handwriting that was marked "People exhibit No. 1, prime" as being that of Cornish.

This closed the re-direct examination of Mr. Tyrell and the cross-examination was begun by Mr. Weeks. The first thing the defense asked of witness was to write in his ordinary vertical hand the word "Sentence" on the blackboard. Mr. Tyrell complied with the request and was then asked to recite the incidents pursuant to his being called into this case as an expert in handwriting. He told Mr. Weeks that on April 20, 1899, he received a telegram from the district attorney to the effect that the Molineux case was set for a certain date and asking him to come to New York at once, which he did. This was, he said, the first information he had of the fact that he was expected to examine handwritings.

Recess.

PARTED 50 YEARS

WILL BE REUNITED CHRISTMAS DAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two brothers and a sister who were parted for nearly fifty years will meet on Christmas day at New Brunswick, N. J.

On the birth of James Farrington at Huddersfield, almost half a century ago, his mother died. The father broke up his home and apprenticed his two boys, one of whom was Patrick, to the Shetland Canal company.

The baby, James, and his sister Anna, were placed with relatives. Several years after the father married again and took Anna to St. Louis. James was bound out.

When the war began James enlisted, and when it ended settled at Iowa Falls, Iowa. He grew prosperous and became an alderman. He attended the recent Grand Army encampment at Philadelphia and went from there to Doylestown to get some tidings of his family.

He there heard of Patrick Farrington, of New Brunswick, and they compared notes and found they were brothers. Patrick then went west with his brother.

The story of the reunion was published in the newspapers and was seen by their sister Anna.

James Farrington has written to friends at New Brunswick to tell them that Anna is coming to live with him at Iowa Falls. She is in ecstatic spirits over it and will do so.

The two brothers are on their way east to meet their sister on Monday.

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SEVERAL LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

A War Department Clerk Heads the List

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Adjutant-General Corbin, at the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late General Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to co-operate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeals issued yesterday.

General Charles King telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee might count on a proper response from that city to the appeal. The brokerage firm of Worden & Co. of New York has voluntarily undertaken to collect funds on the floor of the exchange. The committee aims to collect at least $25,000.

The first contribution in Washington came from a clerk in the war department, who gave $2 from his salary to start the list of contributors.

General Corbin received a telegram from General R. A. Alger saying: "I send $100 for the Lawton fund."

Major-General Shafter at San Francisco telegraphed that he will do everything in his power to help Mrs. Lawton.

A telegram was received from Mel H. Hamilton of Milwaukee, saying that the citizens of that city authorized him to offer $1000.

Other contributions received this morning are as follows:

Secretary John Hay, $100; Assistant Secretary H. C. Taylor, $100; Mrs. Addison Porter, $100; McCoskrey Butt of New York, $100.

The Riggs National Bank of this city has been designated as the depository of the Lawton fund.

BIG FIRE

DESTROYED $25,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

IOLA, Kan., Dec. 21. Fire, which started in the north end of the kiln room today, destroyed $25,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanyon Zinc company at Lanyonville, five miles east of Iola. The 300 foot metal lined smoke stack fell, killing two men working on the roof. They were Jesse Matthews and J. R. Schaub, both married. No one else was injured.

MARIED WOMAN

ORDERED TO ATTEND SCHOOL BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Charles Comiso, a married woman, has been ordered by the school board of Hempstead, L. I., to attend school. She says she won't obey as she has her household duties to perform.

The president of the board, Robert Dibble, has his fighting blood up, and asserts that he will force Mrs. Comiso to go to school, even if it takes every member of the National Guard in the state of New York to take her there. He has written to State Inspector Bims, at Albany, asking for immediate help in carrying out the school law, which the young woman defies.

Mrs. Comiso will not be 16 years old until April 15. She was Sadie Hising, daughter of a farmer living near Valley Stream, and became a wife two months ago. Under the law persons between 14 and 16 years old must attend school 50 days every session.

"We shall push the matter to the bitter end," says President Dibble who is known as a very determined man.

"I am a married woman and I decline to go to school," says Mrs. Comiso. "Why I should get the laugh from all the girls! My husband says if I go to school he'll go also and make them teach him too."

She is a pretty girl, small for her age, but very determined.

OPENING RECITAL

THE NEW ORGAN AT CHELMSFORD UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Last evening at the Unitarian church, Chelmsford, a large audience was assembled to listen to the first public exhibition of the new pipe organ built by E. W. Lane, Waltham and delivered last week. A full description of the instrument was given in a recent issue of this paper. Under the skillful manipulation of Mr. Fred T. Benton of Waltham, organist, the following points of excellence in the voicing of the organ, as claimed by the builder, were fully brought out: The promptness and fullness of the open diapason; the exquisite delicacy of the dulciana; the mellowness of the melodia; the imitative quality of the flute; the fine string effect of the viol d'orchestre and other stringtoned stops; the deep pervading quality of the pedal bourdon and the grandeur and power of the "full organ."

Before the close of the recital, Rev. Granville Pierce, pastor of the society, spoke words of commendation of the labors of the organ committee and expressed his personal gratification with the liberal contributions both by resident and non-resident friends.

He gave due credit to his immediate predecessor, Rev. J. A. Chase, now of Lancaster, N. H., who, during his pastorate by active solicitation secured the nucleus of the organ fund.

A letter of congratulation was read from Mr. Chase. Mr. Pierce spokeittingly of the power and uplifting influence of organ music.

The program which was most enjoyable was as follows: Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt's vocal numbers being given with the purity of tone and clear enunciation which are always expected of her.

1. March ..... Gounod
2. Fanfare, Cantabile, Finale, ... Lemmens
3. Solo, "Come, Ever Smiling Liberty," ..... Handel
   Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt.
4. Song of Hope ..... Batiste
5. Overture, Zampa ..... Auber
6. Solo, Go Softly, Go Safely .. Tucker
7. Heroine ..... Guilmant
8. Prelude ..... Weis

The committee in charge of securing subscriptions and placing the contract for the organ, and to whom much credit is due for faithful and effective service are Wm. H. Hall, Joseph E. Warren, Harry E. Parkhurst, Miss Emma L. Parkhurst.

KILLED HIMSELF

EXTRAVAGANT WIFE DRIVES A MAN TO SUICIDE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—With a sentimental editorial carefully folded in the same envelope as a farewell letter to his wife, Edward G. Williams, 51 years of age, a resident of Brooklyn, committed suicide in a room at the Clarendon Hotel at that borough yesterday by shooting in the left breast. Papers found in his pocket showed he had up to last spring been treasurer of Ives & Williams company of New York, manufacturers of mechanical and iron toys with a factory at Bridgeport. In the letter to his wife Williams accused her of having ruined him financially by her extravagance and then turned against him in his poverty.

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SHOULD IRELAND STRIKE ENGLAND NOW?

Editor Sun: I think this is the right time for Ireland to strike a blow for her independence as England has about all she can do to attend to the Boers. Why not take the opportunity? There may not be another like it for a century. What do you think of it? IRISHMAN.

If Ireland could strike for freedom, with any show of success, by all means, we would advise her to do so. We have often heard that England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity, but England's difficulty has not embarrassed her sufficiently to cause her to withdraw her forces to any great extent from Ireland. That unhappy country has been under the thumb of England for seven hundred years yet kept up a physical force struggle until her resources were completely exhausted, until the whole country was so overrun with British soldiers and police that it was impossible for any large number of people to hold a meeting without the knowledge of the English authorities. No meetings of a secret nature can be carried on very long without some of England's spies working their way into them, and getting all the information necessary to secure conviction for conspiracy. Hence it is almost impossible for the Irish people to organize in Ireland secretly and without such organization they can accomplish nothing like a successful uprising against the government. The landlords who own practically the entire country are all in sympathy with the government and they keep a watch over their tenants to prevent any movement against the government. On account of their service in this respect they are dubbed the English garrison in Ireland and they are worse than a military body, for they are mostly all magistrates who preside at the lower courts and have thus an opportunity to impose whatever penalties they see fit upon the people who come before them. The population of Ireland has been reduced by English oppression from 8,-500,000 to less than 4,000,000 and these consist mainly of children, their parents and the very aged people, as when the young people reach adult age they emigrate to America or some other country. Thus Ireland's power of resistance is weakened more and more and a rising at the present time would be almost certain to fail, because the people have no arms, no ammunition, no military training, no possible chance of gaining any of these requisites. It is true their kindred in other lands would gladly help them if they could, but they can't send armed men; they can't send arms or ammunition; they can't send anything to help except money, and the very first attempt to use that in aiding a seditious movement would be met with the most determined resistance that England could put forth. If a rebellion broke out in Ireland tomorrow with any promise of success, England would drop the Boer war at once and ship her best soldiers and her most noted butchers to Ireland.

Irishmen both at home and abroad are willing enough to enter into any movement for the liberation of their country but the present is not the opportune moment. They are following the right course in aiding the Boers with men and money because if England is beaten in Africa, it will mark the beginning of her downfall, especially of her colonial system which is so abhorrent to the Boers and to Irishmen. Those who know the oppression that the Irish people have suffered under England will only admire them for helping the Boers, just as Englishmen everywhere are expected to stand for the monther country and her colonial supremacy.

TO PLACATE THE GERMANS.

The action of President McKinley in going out of his way in his message to specially compliment Germany shows the real character of the man.

Mr. McKinley knew that there was widespread hostility among the German-American voters against his policy of imperialism and the avowed friendship of the national administration for England. The hospitality had become so universal as to threaten republican success in states which gave McKinley sweeping majorities in '96 notably Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. McKinley was so alarmed by this revolt within the party that he set diligently to work to ascertain its extent and counteract the hostility.

Although it is a well known fact that the McKinley administration is in full sympathy with England in the war against the Boers and that the colonial policy of England is one of the ambitions of Mark Hanna's dishonesty, the president gushes over Germany in his annual message and descending the plane of the smooth politician, undertakes to use a state paper to placate defection.

Mr. McKinley will find that the German-Americans are unalterably hostile to imperialism, that their sympathies are with the brave Boers, who are struggling to establish an independent republic and that they are not to be caught by the cheap flattery of John Bull's right bower.

The report of a committee to the Building Trades Council of Chicago in December, 1899 shows a disparity between the rise in prices of materials and the advance in wages sufficiently great to take the edge off our "overwhelming prosperity." Among the brushmakers, bristles have advanced 30 to 40 per cent within a year, but the employes have not received an advance since 1893. However, ten hours a week has been added to working time without an increase in wages. Window glass is 85 per cent and plate-glass 120 to 200 per cent in advance of 1897 prices, with an advance in wages of only 12 per cent over 1892. Brick is 75 per cent beyond the prices of a year ago, but the increase in wages is only 2½ per cent. Among metal workers there is an increase of from 5 to 7 per cent in wages with profits to manufacturers of 30 per cent. Prices in the terra cotta trade have not changed, but the wages have decreased 37½ per cent. So it goes on with prosperity booming in every direction except among the people who toil.

Gen. Lawton died a soldier's death. He was a brave general and it is to be regretted that he met such a death. Still the generals who set out to shoot the Filipinos must not be surprised if the latter strike back. They are defending their lives and their homes and making a gallant fight for freedom.

It is getting near Christmas and the youngsters expect a visit from Santa Claus. If we had an interview with the old gentleman, we would advise him not to disappoint them. The young men have enough to do to select presents for their sweethearts.

The city of Lawrence is the dullest we know of in regard to newspapers. The bulletins do not attract and even the newsboys are scarcely heard on ordinary occasions.

CRISP GOSSIP

While passing down Market street by the Green school yard the other day I noticed a sight which is worthy of mention. A man who keeps a grocery store in that vicinity had a barrel placed on the sidewalk between the girls' and boys' yard. On the barrel he had a couple of baskets filled with apples, cakes, pickles, candy and other sweetmeats. It was not very long before his supply was exhausted, and he had to replenish it. It is said that he makes considerable money out of this little scheme of his.

The other day a friend of mine received two tickets for a sacred concert to be held on a Sunday night. The next evening he called on his lady friend and invited her to go to the concert. They wended their way toward the hall where the concert was to take place, and to their amazement found the hall in darkness. The young man was sure that he had the right hall, and to verify his belief he produced the tickets. But it seems that the concert was to take place two weeks later. The young man of course made due apolgies to the young lady who, of course, said she was willing to wait.

Did it ever occur to you that there is an unusually large number of cripples, blind men and beggars around the streets of our city this month. One can hardly pass a corner without hearing the familiar strains of a hand organ or an accordion. The majority of these people pick out the Hamilton wall on Central street as their stand. A few spare coppers thrown their way will never be missed.

It is hard work for a person to navigate his way up Merrimack or Central streets these evenings without having a collision with someone. From seven until nine o'clock the streets are packed with people who are purchasing Christmas presents.

Last evening a woman with at least ten bundles of every size and description boarded a Merrimack street car. After delaying the car a couple of minutes by getting off and picking up a couple of bundles she had dropped, she started to lay the bundles one by one on the seat beside her. The conductor gave her a look as much as to say "I wonder if you thing this is a freight car?"

A hardware dealer in this city who ordered an extra large order of skates this year, says that if it doesn't get cold very soon he will have to go into insolvency.

Not long ago while in the post office I missed a familiar figure, that of "Rover, the post office dog." Upon inquiring I found out that "Rover" has gone to the "happy hunting grounds," having passed away. "Rover" was owned by Mr. William H. Howard, a clerk in the office, and he felt bad over the loss of his dog. "Rover" was everybody's pet and a great favorite with the boys.

The weather has been so good this month that an aggregation of local "bikers" have decided to run a century on New Year's day. They may have to do it in sleighs though.

The residents of Pawtucketville now have to pay twelve cents for a two-cent stamp. There is no place in that district where they can buy stamps, and when they need one they have to take a car down town. Coburn's store in Pawtucketville was a stamp agency until this year, when a law was passed doing away with these agencies. It is very inconvenient for residents in that section of the city who forget to buy their stamps when they are down town.

An old lady approached an electric car the other day. "Do you go to the First Congregational church?" she inquired of the conductor. "No, lady " he replied," I have to work every sunday, so I don't get a chance."

Rapid progress is being made in the repairing of the old card clothing building, which was damaged by fire a short time ago. At one stage of the fire it looked as if it was "all off" with the old landmark.

The only thing that is worrying the boys and girls is whether there will be any skating or coasting during Christmas week. The chances are very much against them.

The bicycle stores of a few years ago used to keep open during the riding season and close up during the winter. But now they are more up-to-date; they sell wheels in the summer and during the winter when there is a lull in the "bike" business they sell phonographs, skates, gas lights and numerous other things.

DIED IN IRELAND

MOTHER OF MRS. JOHN WARBURTON PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN LIMERICK CITY.

Mrs. Anne Murphy, mother of Mrs. John Warburton and Mrs. Patrick Reardon of this city, died recently at her home in Limerick, Ire. The funeral was a remarkably large one for a woman in private life, and is described in the Munster News and Limerick Advocate under date of December 6, as follows:

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. ANNE MURPHY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Murphy, whose death occurred at her residence, Thomond Row, on Sunday, at the venerable age of 75 years, took place yesterday from St. Munchin's parochial church. She was the mother of the Very Rev. Mrs. Murphy, who came of an old and much esteemed family, that has given many sons to the service of the Holy church, was the mother of the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, president, St. Munchin's College, secretary to the Lord Bishop; the Rev. John Murphy, O. S. A., and the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C. (deceased). Death has been busy among the family of late. A month has scarcely passed since the daughter of the lamented deceased, Mrs. Johanna Fitzgerald, breathed her last, and some six months prior to that the community at large mourned the loss of her son, the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C., St. John's Chaplain, St. John's fever hospital. Much sympathy is felt for the surviving relatives at the many bereavements they have been called upon to sustain within a period so comparatively brief. The funeral yesterday was representative of the city, and testified in an eloquent manner the deep respect in which the members of the family are held. Immediately before the funeral solemn requiem mass was celebrated at St. Munchin's church, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy; deacon, Rev. Father O'Driscoll; sub-deacon, Rev. Father O'Dwyer, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. O'Shea. The chanters were the Rev. John Griffin, C. C.; Rev. M. Murphy, C. C.; Rev. R. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. C.; and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, C. C. The mass was attended by a large section of the citizens and outside public. At the conclusion of the office for the dead, the remains were borne from the catafalque, on which they rested in front of the high altar to the hearse in waiting. The cortege then moved to the place of interment.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev. Andrew Murphy and Rev John Murphy, O.S.A. (sons), Mr. Patrick Power, Clare Castle, and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, (sons-in-law), Masters Fitzgerald, Riordan, and Power (grandsons), Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. James Fitzgerald, Mr. Matthew Hogan, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Mr. P. McInerney, and Mr. J. Lillis.

The clergy included besides those already mentioned: The Lord Bishop Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, who read the burial service; Very Rev. T. Shanahan, P. P., V. G., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm., St. John's Cathedral; Very Rev. Fr. Bannon, O. P., Prior; Rev. Fr. Duhig, O. P.; Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, O. S. A., Prior; Rev. Louis Brophy, O. P., Sub-Prior; Rev. Fr. Dunson, O. S. A.; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Dwane, C. C.; Very Rev. Father Maher, S. J., Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S. J.; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. O'Laverty, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Conway, P. P., St. Patrick's; Rev. D. Sanahan, P. P., St. Mary's; Rev. Fr. Cregan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hogan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Leary, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Donovan, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. Boylan, Provincial, C. SS. R.; Rev. J. Begley, C. C.; Rev. Michael O'Donnell, Adm., St. Michael's, Rev. J. Lee, C. C., do; Rev. S. O'Connor, C.C.; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. L. Gleeson, P. P. Parteen; Rev. R. Kirby, P. P. Patrickswell; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C. C.; Rev. A. O'Leary, The College; Rev. D. Keane, do; Rev. T. Hogan, do; Rev. Father Larkin, O. S. F.

The general public included:—Dr. J. O'Shaughnessy, D. L.; Messrs. James Quin, J. P.; John F. Power, Wm. Lloyd, T. M. Bourke, Ralph Nash, solr; J. Hogan (Shaws & Sons), Wm. Ebrill, T. Lillis, P. McInerney (Cannock & Co.), James H. Roche, T. F. Macauley, James Wallace, Thomas McSweeney, John Creagh, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Power, C. Devane, T. H. Cleeve, T. C. F. Cleeve, R. Walker, James Dalaney, J. H. Forest, George O'Bea, James O'Mara, (McBirney & Co.), James Doyle, solr; M. Lawlor (Todd & Co.), J. Egan, R. Coremin, Stephen Hastings, solr.; Wm. N. Nolan, town clerk; Stephen Tubridy, P. Riordan, manager gas works; Wm. E. Corbett, C. E.; M. Moylett, J. Hughes, M. O'Conor, John Clune, J. P.; Henry O'Shea, J. J. P. Browne, C. E. and others.

The boys attached to St. Munchin's college formed into procession, and marched after the chief mourners.

PARIS EXPERT

LECTURES ON HOW TO ESCAPE IF BURIED ALIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. The danger of being buried alive, according to the facts and statistics presented by Emile Camis, the Parisian expert, who has come to this country to exhibit a device for preventing this horrible accident, has aroused general interest in medical circles.

M. Camis lectured before the Medico-Legal society after their dinner at the St. Andrews' Hotel Wednesday night. The manager of the hotel refused to permit M. Camis to put up his apparatus, which is called "Karnice," and the lecturer was forced to dispense with illustrations from life. M. Camis does not speak English and the lecture was read by his assistant, M. Durand.

Five persons in every one thousand who are buried as dead revive in their coffins, according to the most trustworthy estimates. Up to the time of the invention of Count Carnicki, no means had been devised as a remedy.

"Karnice," the device, consists of a tube four inches in diameter and six feet long, with a metal box at the top. When in use the lower end of the tube is fitted hermetically into the coffin, or box, in which the body has been placed. When the coffin is buried the metal box rests on the surface of the ground.

A steel tube runs from the mechanism in the metal box through the axis of the tube down into the coffin, where it terminates in a round knob, which rests upon the chest of the body. Any movement of the body within the coffin moves the knob, which communicates with the mechanism in the box and releases a lever. The lever acts upon a spring, which rings an alarm bell, throws up a gilt ball as a signal and opens up an air passage to the interior of the coffin.

If at the end of two weeks after a body has been buried the alarm signal has not been rung the apparatus may be removed with safety.

At the close of his lecture M. Camis told through his interpreter the sensations which he experienced during a two hours' burial with a "Karnice" attachment to his coffin.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Jean Lamoureux the celebrated musical conductor, died yesterday after a two days' illness.

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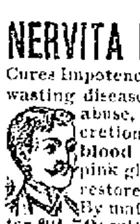

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A FIERCE FIGHT

Spike Sullivan Awarded the Decision Over Flaherty

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Fighting Was Fast and Furious From Start

MIKE SEARS WON OVER DAVENPORT

Chas. Goff Defeated Geoffry Thorne of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—About 1000 people witnessed the 20-round contest between Spike Sullivan of Ireland and Martin Flaherty of Lowell at the Manhattan club last evening. Jimmie Colville of Boston was referee. Many sporting men from New York, Boston and other points were present. Sullivan was the favorite in the betting at 100 to 60.

Sullivan entered the ring at 9.50, Flaherty not appearing till 15 minutes later. A heated argument ensued about Sullivan wearing bandages on his hands, but he finally consented to take them off, walking to Flaherty's corner and throwing them at him. Time was called at 10.20.

Flaherty was the aggressor at the start, and had Sullivan on his knees when the gong sounded in the first round. The succeeding rounds were bitterly fought; Sullivan showing worse signs of punishment. His left ear was nearly torn off.

Flaherty was floored in the 20th round and nearly knocked out. Sullivan got the decision.

MIKE SEARS WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 22.—Mike Sears and Jimmy Davenport met in a 15-round bout at the Kirkland A. C. last night, and referee Jack Sheehan declared Sears the winner on points. A good crowd was present, and the boxing was of the spirited kind.

Before the boxers appeared in the ring a delegate from the Salvation Army, which has been decrying the sport, went among the members for contributions to help buy Christmas dinners for the poor people of Lynn. He received a large amount.

There was little difference in the weights of Davenport and Sears, but Davenport was in the better condition. For eight rounds Sears was the aggressor, and he landed fully three blows to Davenport's one. Several times Sears failed to take advantage of good openings, and had he directed more of his blows to Davenport's body instead of the head the bout might not have gone the limit.

Davenport did some clever parrying and dodging, but his blows did not seem to have much steam behind them.

After 10 rounds Sears began to tire, and Davenport landed oftener, but he could not overcome the lead that Sears had gained in the other rounds.

It is a big setback for Davenport to be declared the loser, for had he defeated Sears he was to have been taken to England and matched to box Jabez White at the National A. C.

BOUTS AT BROCKTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22.—At the monthly meeting of the Crescent Athletic club last night about 400 sports, including a carload from Taunton and a large delegation from Boston, saw three corking good sparring matches. The principal bout of the evening was between Maurice Rosenberg of Boston and Billy Berkley of Cambridge. They sparred 12 rounds. During the first six rounds Rosenberg was hard after Berkley's wind and was rather the more aggressive. Berkley countered repeatedly with hard swings at Rosenberg's jaw, but was met with a superb blocking game that was practically invulnerable.

During the last six rounds Rosenberg simply kept out of reach and forced Berkley to do all the leading. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Berkley rather jarred Rosenberg with a number of hot jabs on the jaw and bothered him with repeated assaults on the nose. Berkley's aggressiveness rather winded him and he was pretty tired at the bell of the last round. Rosenberg was not tired at all. The whole match, however, about evened up the men. After the bout it was found that Berkley had dislocated his thumb in the fourth round. Rosenberg's followers made fun for the crowd by trying to get away with the gloves.

The second go of importance was between Spike Haley of Boston and Young Tierney of Holbrook. Haley, who has quite a reputation, found the country boy a tough problem and a good ring general. Tierney had rather the better of the go. It lasted six rounds.

A four-round bout followed between John Murphy of Boston and Jim Marrow, a colored sparrer from Whitman. Early in the first round, Marrow pushed a hot one to Murphy's jaw that laid him low. The round was cut short. In the second round Marrow administered the same medicine and Murphy was forced to quit.

CHARLEY GOFF WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley Goff of California defeated the English middleweight boxer, Geoffrey Thorne, in less than two rounds before the Hercules A. C. in Brooklyn last night. The men met at catch weights, but there was very little difference in their respective wights. Both put up a fast fight from the first clang of the gong, each essaying left leads and right arm crosses. Towards the end of the first round Thorne went down from a right hand cross on the jaw. After three seconds he rose as aggressive as ever, giving Goff several facers before the bell. On the second round Goff went at his man in smash, bang style and with scarcely a committee back forced the pace in hurricane order, finally sending Thorne down and out with a left swinging smash on the jaw. Time of round, 5 seconds.

VETOES BILL

GOV. CANDLER OPPOSED TO QUACKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler, after a conference with many physicians yesterday vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the general assembly providing for the practice in this state of osteopathy, treating of the structural development of the bone. The physicians contended that osteopathists known nothing of materia medica while they would be given the right to prescribe medicine the same as a regular licensed physician, should the bill become operative.

GOLD GOING TO ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's financial expert says he understands that the Bank of England has made advances against £2,000,000 gold to arrive from New York, including Saturday's shipments.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of Lowell Council, Royal Arcanum, last night seven applications were received and six candidates were initiated.

Court Wamesit, F. of A., held its regular meeting last night. One candidate was initiated and two propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing term were elected.

Lowell lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting last night and received two propositions. Six candidates were also initiated. Officers were nominated to be elected at the next meeting.

Bay State Colony, Pilgrim Fathers, held its regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The third degree was conferred on several candidates last night at the regular meeting of Wannalancit Encampment, I. O. O. F. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

One candidate was initiated at the regular meeting of Excelsior lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., last night. Officers were elected for the ensuing term.

James A. Garfield, Woman's Relief Corps, held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

The regular meeting of the Westford Grange was held last evening, routine business being transacted. The usual entertainment followed.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

WITH SHAKESPEARE.

Last evening, the members of the Grace Church Literary society enjoyed a delightful time with Shakespeare. The great author's famous character of King Richard the Third was discussed at length and many new characteristics of the man who was born before his time were brought to light. The evening's study was one of the most enjoyable of the season's events thus far.

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GERMAN WARSHIP

Entered Port au Prince Yesterday

ITS ARRIVAL CAUSED COMMOTION

Haytien Judges Refuse to Perform Duties

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 8.—The German warship Nixe entered this port yesterday, coming from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. The ship which has a crew of 360 sailors and marines, and mounts 17 guns, saluted the Haytian flag. The salute was returned by the forts. The arrival of the Nixe caused a general commotion among the population, owing to the fact that it occurred on the day before the anniversary of the threatened bombardment of Port au Prince by the Germans two years ago, at the time of the Luders affair and the people believed that the Nixe had been sent here to enforce the immediate settlement of another dispute in which a German resident of this city named Tippenhauer is at present interested.

It is quite possible that the unexpected arrival of the foreign warship has no relation to the dispute in question. But according to the suppositions freely expressed by Haytian patriots since the anchoring of the Nixe it may eventuate into an international question of the most important character. They recall that the claim or "reclamation" presented some time ago by the German minister, Dr. Michahelles, apropos of the refusal of the civil tribunal of Port au Prince to pronounce a sentence in the Tippenhauer affair, is still pending. Dr. Michahelles maintains that if the Haytien judges refuse to occupy themselves with the affairs of parties amenable to their jurisdiction, a kind of special court should be established at the legation, to pronounce upon law suits which may hereafter originate between subjects of Germany residing in Hayti. It is said, however, that such action would amount to a judicial violation of the Monroe doctrine about which the patriots add: "The United States would surely have something to say."

HARRIS' RECORD

Well Known Criminal Identified by Watts

IS CHARGED WITH STEALING $8000

Will be Held for Pittsburg Officers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A man known to the police as "Doc" Harris, who was arrested here last night, was identified today by Chief Watts as a criminal with a long record. The police say he is wanted in Pittsburg, Pa., for stealing from the store of A. E. Siedle, a tray of diamonds valued at $300. Chief Watts today notified the police of Pittsburg of the capture of Harris and he will be held until an officer arrives to take him back.

In 1881 Harris was arrested in Lynn for robbery and sent to the Ipswich jail for a year. After two months he escaped. He was caught in Chicago and brought back and given a year extra for jail breaking. A short time later he again escaped. On July 2, 1886, he was arrested in New York and sent away for a year. On September 26, 1885, after being released for good conduct from the Eastern penitentiary, he was caught in Manchester, N. H., and given a sentence of six months. In October, 1888, he was captured in Newburyport and sent back to the Ipswich jail to finish out his sentence for jail breaking. After his release he got into trouble in other states.

TRAINS COLLIDE

Eleven Cars Were Destroyed By Fire

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Dec. 21.—Two locomotives and eleven cars were totally wrecked in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, near here today. The debris caught fire and eleven cars were destroyed. The train hands jumped, and had all escaped serious injury.

KITCHENER'S TRAIN DERAILED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAIRO, Dec. 21.—The train conveying General Lord Kitchener, now on his way from the Soudan to South Africa, via this city, was derailed north of Luxor. Happily, it only retarded the general's arrival here.

ENTERED BY BURGLARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 21.—The store of John Sleeper at Plaistow, N. H., in which is situated the post office, was entered by burglars during the night. Little of value was taken, although a considerable amount of goods was found piled up on the floor, the men having evidently left in a hurry.

TWO SEIZURES

MADE BY INSPECTORS THIS AFTERNOON.

The liquor inspectors did good work this afternoon, making two seizures. The first one was made at Thomas J. Lynch's house in Crowley street, off Moore, where they seized three cases of beer and a quantity of wine and whiskey. The second one was made at a small store at 67 Charles street, owned by Gilman Litman. Here they seized two half barrels of ale.

CANDIDATE FOR SELECTMAN.

Michael Whelton, a former surveyor of highways in Dracut and one of the best known democrats in the town, has announced his candidacy for selectman. He has a strong following in Collinsville, where he lives, and stands an excellent chance of landing the nomination and being elected.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

RAILROAD MEN

Attended Interstate Commerce Commission Hearing

RATES OF FREIGHT DISCUSSED

Argued That They are Getting Lower

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A hearing was begun today by the Interstate commerce commission in the matter of changes in freight classification and advances in freight rates by carriers using the official classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification by carriers have been agreed upon to take effect on Jan. 1, 1900. To determine this question the session of today was held. Many of the most prominent railroad freight officials and shippers of the eastern part of the country attended the hearing.

At the opening, C. E. Gill of New York, chairman of the official classification committee was put upon the stand.

He said that the committee was satisfied that the proposed advances were necessary and he intimated that for the same reason, still further advances would probably have to be made upon many articles. Mr. Gill maintained that existing rates of freight were unjustifiably low.

Mr. Gill maintained that the proposed new classifications generally speaking were restorations of freight rates that prevailed when commercial and trade conditions were similar to what they now are. It was his belief and that of his colleagues on the classification committee that the recent marked advance in the price of railway equipment and operation, in steel rails and all forms of steel and iron, etc., rendered it necessary for the railroads in a degree proportionately to advance freight rates. He said freight rates had been on a gradually descending scale for about 20 years but he was unable to say whether the proposed new rates would be higher or lower than the rates which prevailed in 1852.

In a statement to the commission, W. A. Day, attorney for the commission, said that a comparison of the proposed rates on certain specific articles showed that the new rates would be higher than ever existed since the commission was created.

BOERS MODERATE

IN REGARD TO PEACE CONDITIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions.

"The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lorenzo Marques."

ENGLISH ALARM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There was no news from South Africa up to 3 p. m., other than fragments of disconnected stories of past events. This silence is having the natural effect of creating forebodings.

The splendid patriotism of the volunteers continues to be evidenced on all sides. The newspapers note with satisfaction the effect that this display of British spirit and evidence of the sources the empire is able to command is having on continental critics. The Westminster Gazette, however, sounds a note of alarm. It thinks the moment is peculiarly inopportune to send abroad the home defenders, since no one is quite easy as to the effect it will have upon Great Britain's European neighbors.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice went by train from Windsor to Farnborough this morning and spent an hour with ex-Empress Eugenie.

The Queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers which announced that it has never been Her Majesty's habit to display grief like a hysterical school girl.

GENERAL ROBERTS'S MESSAGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The parting message which General Lord Roberts sent yesterday through The Associated Press to the American people is republished in London today and occupied the foremost place in the afternoon papers here which characterize the sentiment, simple words as eminently soldierly and as having the ring, which, it is claimed, should mark the relations between the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Although it arrived too late for usual display headlines show that his references to America's friendliness and Canada's patriotism and his repudiation of the charges of Irish disloyalty are widely approved.

TAKE 44 PRISONERS

BOERS STATE THAT THEIR LOSS WAS SMALL—BRITISH ASK ARMISTICE TO BURY THE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRITISH CAMP AT CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 16.—There was heavy firing this morning at Ladysmith.

Col. G. M. Bullock of the 1st Devonshires, three of his officers and 40 of his men, were taken prisoners by Boers flying a flag of truce and looking for their wounded.

An ambulance train is taking the British who were wounded in yesterday's (Friday's) battle at the Tugela river to Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg.

ON LONDON 'CHANGE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Business on the stock exchange started steadier on the announcement that the bank rate was not raised. France sent buying orders but sellers were too numerous. The market collapsed and the announcement of the rise of the French bank rate led to the general disorganization and an avalanche of forced sales. Consols dropped ¾ to 98⅛ for the account and for money.

WOMAN DENTIST.

Miss Bertha J. Davis of Dracut Centre, formerly of 54 Grove street, has returned home to spend the holidays, from her studies in Baltimore, where she is attending the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the oldest dental college in the world. Miss Davis graduated from the Lowell High school in the class of '91 and has been well and popularly known for the past three years as dental assistant in one of our local dental offices. We think Miss Davis is the first Lowell lady to matriculate and to be graduated from a regularly authorized dental college and Lowell people should be proud of the fact.

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SAMOAN TROUBLE

Has Not Been Reported by U. S. Counsul

REPORT OF TROUBLE EXAGGERATED

Germany Makes an Official Statement

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following statement is made by the official German authorities here:

"A press telegram of the 13th inst. from Apia, via Auckland, reports that the German consul in Apia has solemnly proclaimed the pending annexation of Samoa by Germany to a number of Samoan chiefs on board the German man-of-war and that on the same he hoisted the German flag on the supreme court.

"This report does not cover the reports received in Berlin from the German consul in Apia, according to the instructions which he has received from Berlin, it seems to be absolutely untrue.

"The German consul has likewise wired on the 13th inst., but he simply states that certain Tamu chiefs have refused to pay the head tax imposed by the three consuls, hence they had been ordered to leave the district by the thirteen chiefs. The three consuls have instructed the 13 chiefs to send the aggressors to Apia for trial. This has been agreed upon."

The state department has had no message from our consul at Apia to confirm the reports of fresh trouble in Samoa and this fact is regarded as sufficient to show that any slight disturbance that may have occurred has been very much exaggerated in the report. The officials are confident that whatever trouble may occur will not be chargeable to the German officials.

WAS FOUND DEAD

Peter Boden Shot Himself Through Heart

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Peter Broderic, 56 years of age, was found dead in his room at the Brunswick Hotel here today. He had shot himself through the head. He left two letters, one addressed to "Mr. Potter, back of Main street, Woonsocket, R. I," and the other to "Pappael Delporte, Passcag, R. I." They have been mailed. Mr. Broderic had been here about two weeks. He said he was last employed as a boss fitcher in Holyoke, Mass.

THE MAINE HEROES

Their Bodies Placed on the Warship

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies. The bodies were newly coffined and placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed. At 10 o'clock last night 40 wagons formed a funeral procession carrying 151 coffins to the Machina wharf. The bodies reached the wharf at 11.30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas and were placed aboard two steam launches. Let go at daylight and were taken to the warship at 6 a. m.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—The social democrats held a celebration in this city last night over their success in the recent elections, when they elected the mayor, three aldermen and three councilmen. All the speeches were of a socialistic nature.

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

JUROR'S QUESTION

Answered by Expert Kinsley in Molineux Trial

TYRRELL ON THE STAND AGAIN

His Examination by Attorney Osborne Begun

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—When the Molineux trial was resumed today, handwriting expert William J. Kinsley was recalled for a short time to answer several questions asked by Foreman Martin just as he was leaving the stand, last Tuesday. The foreman had asked the expert what he meant by "Dissimulated handwriting." Mr. Kinsley said today that by a dissimulated hand he meant one that was produced when a man attempted to form a complete new hand, to write less like his own hand than like another's. Mr. Kinsley then told the jurors of the handwriting specimens secured and examined by him in this case. He told them that he had secured specimens from several persons which he examined sufficiently to satisfy him that they had nothing to do with the poison package address.

Mr. Tyrrell's examination was then begun. Mr. Osborne asked him to illustrate by crayon the word "Find" in exhibit "2" the admitted writing of the defendant and "H" and the latter being a request for a marriage guide, signed H. C. Barnet. He was asked if he thought they were of the same mental conception, differing only in mechanical form, and replied in the affirmative. He was asked if he thought it were possible for any two persons to write the word "find" the same as it was written in the two exhibits, that is—writing the first three letters and then a break; then forming the final letter. He replied that he thought it quite possible. He was asked to take the same word in several other exhibits and reproduce it.

When he did so, Mr. Osborne asked: "Now, Mr. Tyrrell, what do you find about these words?"

"I find that indications of the mental conception are practically inexhaustive."

The witness was next asked to illustrate certain words from the poison package address, exhibit "D," the Harpster-Cornish letter "C" and "P" two letters signed "Barnet," and "21" and "40" of the admitted specimens. He thought they were all of the same mental conception and betrayed a similarity of mechanical formation. The witness next placed on the blackboard the several capital "F's" in the poison package address and exhibits "15," "22" and "27" of admitted specimens and said he found in them similar elements in the matter of mental conception and mechanical form. He said he thought they all had been written by the same hand, and that the hand of the defendant.

The witness was asked if he considered the oval letters an important point. He said that he did and that it was in his judgment, one of the most important points in establishing the identity of the writer of the poison package address and the disputed Barnet-Cornish letters. The witness said he also considered it important that when the defendant wrote by request he failed to make the usual and characteristic break. The recorder at this point asked the witness to illustrate by crayon the two initial "C's" in the words "Cornish" and "Club" in the poison package address.

Then Mr. Osborne asked the witness to take the "C" in the word "Can" in two or three of the admitted specimens and compare it with the "C" in "Club" in the poison package address. He was then asked to explain to the jury what he thought to be the dominating traits of resemblance between the specimens and what he thought concerning the identity of the writer of them all.

He said they thought they were all in the same handwriting. Mr. Tyrrell was then asked if he knew the handwriting of Harry S. Cornish. He replied that he had seen him write three or four times. He was then asked to identify one of several specimens of the Cornish writings, but Mr. Weeks objected and the court sustained the objection.

Mr. Osborne strenuously pleaded with the court to allow him to identify and place them in evidence as standards of comparison for the purpose of proving that Cornish did not write the forged Cornish letters.

After much argument, the recorder removed the ruling previously made in reference to the sustaining of Mr. Weeks' objection, and allowed Mr. Osborn to put the question to the witness as to the handwriting of Cornish. The witness identified the handwriting that was marked "People exhibit No. 1, prime" as being that of Cornish.

This closed the re-direct examination of Mr. Tyrell and the cross-examination was begun by Mr. Weeks. The first thing the defense asked of witness was to write in his ordinary vertical hand the word "Sentence" on the blackboard. Mr. Tyrell complied with the request and was then asked to recite the incidents pursuant to his being called into this case as an expert in handwriting. He told Mr. Weeks that on April 30, 1899, he received a telegram from the district attorney to the effect that the Molineux case was set for a certain date and asking him to come to New York at once, which he did. This was, he said, the first intimation he had of the fact that he was expected to examine handwritings.

Recess.

PARTED 50 YEARS

WILL BE REUNITED CHRISTMAS DAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two brothers and a sister who were parted for nearly fifty years will meet on Christmas day at New Brunswick, N. J.

On the birth of James Farrington at Perkiomen, almost half a century ago, his mother died. The father broke up his home and apprenticed his two boys, one of whom was Patrick, to the Raritan Canal company.

The baby, James, and his sister Anna, were placed with relatives. Several years after the father married again and took Anna to St. Louis. James was bound out.

When the war began James enlisted, and when it ended settled in Iowa Falls, Iowa. He grew prosperous and became an alderman. He attended the recent Grand Army encampment at Philadelphia and went from there to Doylestown to get some tidings of his family.

He there heard of Patrick Farrington, of New Brunswick, and they compared notes and found they were both in Patrick's town with his brother.

The story of the reunion was published in the newspapers and soon came to their sister Anna.

James Farrington has written to friends at New Brunswick to tell them that Anna is coming to live with him at Iowa Falls. She is in fair health, married and well to do.

The two brothers are on their way east to meet their sister on Monday.

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THE LAWTON FUND

Its Promoters Expect to Raise $25,000

SEVERAL LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

A War Department Clerk Heads the List

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Adjutant-General Corbin, at the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late General Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to co-operate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeals issued yesterday.

General Charles King telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee might count on a proper response from that city to the appeal. The brokerage firm of Worden & Co. of New York has voluntarily undertaken to collect funds on the stock exchange. The committee aims to collect at least $25,000.

The first contribution in Washington came from a clerk in the war department, who gave $2 from his salary to start the list of contributors.

General Corbin received a telegram from General H. A. Alger saying:

"I send $100 for the Lawton fund."

Major-General Shafter at San Francisco telegraphed that he will do everything in his power to help Mrs. Lawton.

A telegram was received from Mel H. Hamilton of Milwaukee, saying that the citizens of that city authorized him to offer $1000.

Other contributions received this morning are as follows:

Secretary John Hay, $100; Assistant Secretary H. C. Taylor, $100; Mrs. Addison Porter, $100; McCoskrey Butt of New York, $100.

The Riggs National Bank of this city has been designated as the depository of the Lawton fund.

BIG FIRE

DESTROYED $25,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

IOLA, Kan., Dec. 21. Fire, which started in the north end of the 400 block today, destroyed $25,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanyon Zinc company at Lanyonville, five miles east of Iola. The 250 foot metal lined smoke stack fell, killing two men working on the roof. They were Jesse Matthews and J. H. Schlich, both married. No one else was injured.

MARIED WOMAN

ORDERED TO ATTEND SCHOOL BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Charles Comber, a married woman, has been ordered by the school board of Hempstead, L. I., to attend school. She says she won't because she has her household duties to perform.

The president of the board, Robert Dilhine, has his lighting blood up, and asserts that he will force Mrs. Comber to go to school, even if it takes every member of the National Guard in the state of New York to take her there. He has written to State Inspector Sims, at Albany, asking for immediate help in carrying out the school law, which the young woman defies.

Mrs. Comber will not be 15 years old until April 15. She was Sadie Rising, daughter of a farmer living near Valley Stream, and became a wife two months ago. Under the law persons between 14 and 15 years old must attend school 99 days every session.

"We shall push the matter to the bitter end," says President Dilhine who is known as a very determined man.

"I am a married woman and I decline to go to school," says Mrs. Comber. "Why I should get the laugh from all the girls! My husband says if I go to school he'll go also and make them teach him too."

She is a pretty girl, small for her age, but very determined.

OPENING RECITAL

THE NEW ORGAN AT CHELMSFORD UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Last evening at the Unitarian church, Chelmsford, a large audience was assembled to listen to the first public exhibition of the new pipe organ built by E. W. Lane, Waltham and delivered last week. A full description of the instrument was given in a recent issue of this paper. Under the skilful manipulation of Mr. Fred T. Hunter of Waltham, organist, the following points of excellence in the voicing of the organ, as claimed by the builder, were fully brought out: The roundness and fullness of the open diapason; the exquisite delicacy of the dulciana; the mellowness of the melodia; the imitative quality of the flute; the fine string effect of the viol d'orchestre and other stringed stops; the deep pervading quality of the pedal bourdon and the grandeur and power of the "full organ."

Before the close of the recital, Rev. Granville Pierce, pastor of the society, spoke words of commendation of the labors of the organ committee and expressed his personal gratification with the liberal contributions both by resident and non-resident friends.

He gave due credit to his immediate predecessor, Rev. J. A. Chase, now of Lancaster, N. H., who, during his pastorate by active solicitation secured the nucleus of the organ fund.

A letter of congratulation was read from Mr. Chase. Mr. Pierce spoke fittingly of the power and uplifting influence of organ music.

The program which was most enjoyable was as follows, Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt's vocal numbers being given with the purity of tone and clear enunciation which are always expected of her.

1. March ..... Gounod
2. Fanfare, Cantabile, Finale. ..... Lemmens
3. Solo, "Come, Ever Smiling Liberty." ..... Handel
   Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt.
4. Song of Hope ..... Barlett
5. Overture, Zanetta ..... Auber
6. Solo, Go Softly, Go Safely ... Tucker
7. Hercules ..... Guilmant
8. Festivale ..... Wely

The committee in charge of securing subscriptions and placing the contract for the organ, and to whom much credit is due for faithful and effective service are Wm. H. Hall, Joseph E. Warren, Harry L. Parkhurst, Miss Emma L. Parkhurst.

KILLED HIMSELF

EXTRAVAGANT WIFE DRIVES A MAN TO SUICIDE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—With a sentimental editorial carefully folded in the same envelope as a farewell letter to his wife, Edward G. Williams, 51 years of age, a resident of Brooklyn, committed suicide in a room at the Clarendon Hotel at that borough yesterday by shooting in the left breast. Papers found in his pocket showed he had up to last spring been treasurer of Byers & Williams company of New York, manufacturers of mechanical and iron toys with a factory at Bridgeport. In the letter to his wife, Williams accused her of having ruined him financially by her extravagance and then turned against him in his poverty.

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POLICE PENSIONS

Mayor Crowley Approved the Order Yesterday

THE LOCAL ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

In a Dilemma About Contradictory Orders

Mayor Crowley yesterday placed his signature to the police pension order and Chap. 378 of the acts of 1892, is adopted and is operative whenever the police board chooses to take advantage of it.

Mayor Crowley has signed the order for the removal of electric light and telephone poles on Andover street and placing the wires underground.

The Lowell Electric Light company authorizes the statement that it will cheerfully and promptly comply with whatever orders are given it by the city.

There is an ordinance, however, which provides that no street after being macadamized shall be torn up within five years. Andover street has been macadamized recently and therefore, cannot be ripped up for five years. Thus the Electric Light company appears to be in the position of Chimmie Fadden when he said: "Wot t'ell!"

PRESENTED A WATCH.

The members of the local councils of the United States Indemnity Order last evening presented R. E. Magee, state lecturer and local organizer with a beautiful full jeweled gold watch. A good social time followed the presentation.

American pocket cutlery is the finest in the world. Just the present for ladies' and gentlemen. W. T. S. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack St.

D. L. MOODY DEAD

The Great Evangelist Has Passed Away

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, died at his home here at noon today.

A BOY ARRESTED

Alleged to Have Snatched a Pocketbook

A boy giving his name as Lindsey Bennett was arrested on Central street early last evening by Matt McCann of the liquor squad after a lively chase. It is alleged that Bennett, who is only a juvenile, snatched a pocketbook from a small girl in Merrimack square and then tried to escape. Officer McCann, who was in citizen's clothes spied him and gave chase and the boy was quickly overtaken.

Officer Frank Fox arrested a Pole giving his name as Maurice Goodman in Pawtucketville yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock for peddling without a license. He was peddling tinware at various houses in Pawtucketville.

CONSUL HAY BUSY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, formally received at the United States embassy today a number of relatives of British officers who came to make special requests regarding the prisoners at the Transvaal capital.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS

How the Local Company Has Grown

When the management of the Lowell Electric light corporation changed last February it passed into the hands of men whose sole business is the management of electric light and street railway properties. These men are managing properties of this class all over the United States, extending as far south as Tampa and as far west as Seattle. The securities and stock of the corporation are owned by the most substantial business men of this commonwealth, and who invest their money in properties of this character, not with an idea of speculation, but to obtain a good solid investment. They realize that to make this investment secure the property must be improved and kept in first class shape, the service bettered and the rates for current made as low as circumstances will allow, in order to induce a large use of their product.

It is not strange then that as soon as these men secured the stock of this corporation that their first act was to pass the April dividend, which had been paid regularly for the past several years, and apply money to improving the property. A large proportion of this money was put in circulation in this city by the employment of extra men to work on the lines and in the plant of the company. These improvements have been going on during the summer and fall, resulting in a great improvement in the service. The demand for electric light during this fall has been greater than ever before in the history of the company, and at no time has the company's construction department been able to keep up with its work in connecting in new customers. The demand on the manufacturers of electrical apparatus by the Lowell Co. for new lamps has been so great that it has been impossible for the manufacturers to fill orders promptly and the result has been that considerable delay has been caused to new customers in getting their lights installed as promptly as they wished.

A thorough reorganization of the operating force of the company was the first move of the new management. This has taken time and patience, but the results have justified it. In all cases preference was given to Lowell men, and in two cases the company sent men to the factory at its own expense to enable them to acquire knowledge so they could assume charge of some department. The heads of all the departments are Lowell men who are well known to the public, the last new one employed being the cashier, Mr. A. A. Wright, formerly of the First National bank.

Moving the office to its new location at the corner of Bridge and Paige streets, where customers could find it and where it would be more convenient to attend to trouble calls, was another move toward improvement.

Since last April the company have had inspectors on duty day and night at the office, so that any trouble could be immediately attended to. These men have been put in uniform and are familiar to the citizens of Lowell, with their caps, blue suits and brass buttons.

Probably the most decided improvement in the service has been the question of incandescent lamps. The company's rate was originally ten (10) cents per Kilo Watt, and the customer bought his own lamps. This resulted in the use of all kinds and makes of incandescent lamps, nine-tenths of which were a cheap lamp that gave insufficient light and took an excessive amount of current. Beginning with last June the company changed the rate from 10 cents to 11 cents per Kilo Watt and furnished all incandescent lamps free to its customers. They made a contract with the largest manufacturers of incandescent lamps in the country, who undoubtedly make the best lamp on the market. These lamps are now being furnished by the company free of expense to the consumer in place of all lamps that burn out and also in place of lamps that become black. By this method customers' lamps are always kept clean and bright.

Private telephone lines were run between the office, plant, repair shop, stock room and line foreman's house, to facilitate the operation of the station.

The plant and repair shop have been thoroughly overhauled and the lines rebuilt where needed.

The introduction of the incandescent arc lamp has furnished to the stores of Lowell the best and cheapest light of modern times. The company had already installed 200 of these lamps this fall and the demand has been so great that they have found it impossible to get the lamps fast enough from the manufacturers. These lamps are used on the meter basis, the customer paying for what he uses, the company doing all wiring and installing them free of expense on a year's contract. These lamps furnish to a customer a candle power of light for a less amount of money than any other known illuminant in the world.

The last improvement made by the company has been the putting on of two night inspectors, who patrol the streets all night to watch the city arc lamps and keep the same constantly going. These men each have a horse and wagon and carry extra lamps, globes, etc., so they can readily replace defective lamps with new ones. This was done voluntarily by the company at great expense without any request or solicitation on the part of the city authorities, and demonstrates more than anything else the methods pursued by this company to constantly better its service.

A reference to the report of the Gas & Electric light commissioners for the year 1898 will show a comparison of rates for incandescent lights between Lowell and other cities in Massachusetts. This scale will show that the subscribers of Lowell are receiving electric light for less money than in any other city in the state.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

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An endless variety of Handkerchiefs for the ladies, gents and children.

Silk Mufflers and Kid Gloves for ladies, gents and children.

Mittens in kid and woolen.

Bureau Scarfs in Cut Work.

Full line of Ladies' Neckwear in stocks and jabots.

The largest stock of Aprons to select from in Lowell. You know our reputation in these goods in former seasons. The variety is larger than ever this season.

THREE FLOORS FULL OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.

FIRST FLOOR

Men's and Boys' Suspenders.

Men's and Boys' Neckwear.

Alligator Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Seal Bags, Pocketbooks, Pine Stone Pompadour Combs, Empress Combs, Side Combs, Fancy Hat Pins, Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Buttons, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors Ladies' Aluminum Companion will not tarnish, Fancy Box Perfume, Sachet Powder, Soap, William H. Brown's fine Perfumes, Tooth Powder, Gents' Sleeve Elastics.

THREE FLOORS FULL USEFUL CHRISTMAS GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.

FIRST FLOOR

Ladies' Hose Supporters, Gents' Hose Supporters.

Hat Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Toilet Soap.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Linen Sets, Covers, etc.

Black and Colored Dress Goods, Black Silks.

Fancy Hosiery and Hosiery of all kinds for men, women and children.

Large line of Lambrequins.

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SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

BASEMENT DEPT.—Blankets, Bed Spreads, Comforters, Rugs.

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Cure That Cold!

Or it May End in the "GRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or preventative. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable,

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That a neglected cold often leads to fatal and troublesome diseases is well known. With children it means croup; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, perhaps pneumonia. Nothing is more annoying than the sneezing, red nose, and woe begone look of a person with a cold.

Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without matches in the house, as without that old fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment near at hand for croup or colds.

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If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

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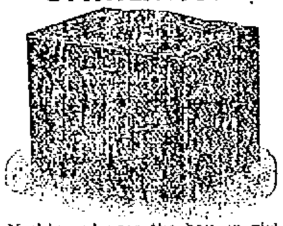

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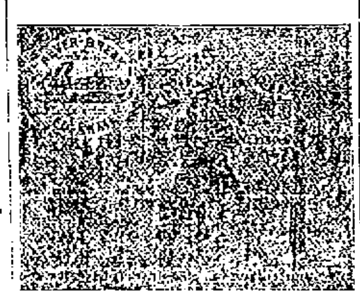

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THE VALUE OF INTUITION.

Christmas gift buying is liable to tax the judgment of the ablest mind. Men sometimes make a successful hit at the business, but as a rule, their efforts are a dismal failure—it is the realm of women. Their delicate sense of intuition makes them adepts at the business.

Their skill is clearly shown in selecting men's furnishings, notably neckwear. Some are posted on where to find the kinds that fill their imagination, others who are not but are guided by the intuitive taste—you can follow them from store to store, watch them endure vexatious delays, elbow their way through crowds of shoppers, until they land on the selections that suit. The writer saw such an example this week and the fair purchaser calmly turned down the neckwear shown her until she came to what is now known as Fashion Corner, opposite city hall. By this time the writer became interested in her judgment and awaited results. Well, figuratively speaking, after she once started she sailed in first on neckwear, then [illegible] vests, on mufflers, handkerchiefs, suspenders, dress shields, umbrellas and finally she went over to where the dress suit cases were and I gave up the pursuit.

NO CONVERTS LEFT

MISSIONARIES COULD MAKE NO HEADWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—W. W. Simpson and A. W. Lagerquist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York arrived on the Idzumi Maru from Thibet. Before leaving there in August last, Mr. Simpson says the mission at Paongan was completely demolished by armed natives headed by Buddhist priests. Rev. G. T. Shields and wife were in charge, barely escaped.

After three years work not a single convert to Christianity has been obtained. The Buddhist priests, owing to China's internal troubles, are in absolute control.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

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Possesses every quality that gelatine should have. Its perfect purity and cleanliness are apparent as soon as you open the package. Its convenience is evident the minute you dissolve it (dissolves readily and quickly in *hot water*—making a clear, firm jelly). The most prominent chefs praise and have written many recipes for Keystone Silver White Gelatine. Leading cooking authorities indorse its purity and convenience; experienced housewives appreciate its great economy—package makes one-third more jelly than the same quantity of any other gelatine.

Ask your grocer for Keystone Silver White Gelatine. If he does not sell it send us his name and we will mail you a free sample package and recipes, by famous chefs. Full size box mailed for 15 cents.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Its Attic Is an Old Curiosity Shop

THE PRESIDENT'S UNACCEPTABLE GIFTS

Are All Stored in the Garret

The trash of one generation makes the treasure of another. Nothing could be stronger proof of this than a visit to the the great, dim garret of the White House, the place to which are consigned the carded and useless articles, old-fashioned and broken-down pieces of furniture, as well as the trunks and other private property of the president and his family. The presence of the latter articles makes it almost impossible for anyone, save the president's family, to gain admission, as it is considered one of the most private sections of the executive mansion. Unlike the proverbial garret, it has no winding, rickety staircase. The only means of access to this interesting and rarely frequented part of the White House is a modern elevator running from the domestic quarters of the mansion. This elevator was put in solely for the purpose of economizing space.

During Cleveland's administration the old staircase was knocked out and several rooms were built for the use of the president's household. This proved a convenient addition to the rather restricted quarters. The garret covers the entire floor plan of the building. The entrance, in the west wing, is above the president's suite-room. The first view to greet the eye upon entering the long, dark room, is the white rafters, massive supporters, erected after the White House was burned by the English in 1812. To the north of the entrance is a great stack of trunks. There are big trunks, and little trunks, some cloth covered, others of leather, Saratoga and steamer trunks. There are handboxes, valises, and satchels—all the receptacles of wearing apparel and treasures of President McKinley and his family.

One fact attracts attention. Every trunk and satchel that was marked at all, bore simply the lettering:

W. McK.
CANTON, OHIO.

or

McK.,
CANTON, O.

East of this stack of trunks is a room partitioned off and under lock and key. In it are found many valuable gifts, sent to the president, which he feels he cannot accept in his personal capacity. At present there are gifts of almost every description which have been sent to the president and Mrs. McKinley during the three years past.

The first article to be seen is a large, white satin, hand-painted banner, presented to the president last year by the citizens of Havana, Cuba. In the centre is painted a splendid likeness of Mr. McKinley, and to his right the stars and stripes are gracefully draped, while to his left is unfurled the flag of Cuba. Beneath this an inscription is made of pure gold bullion letters, and around the banner is a fringe of the same costly material. Beneath the banner stands a peculiar inlaid wooden table, on which is placed a miniature representation of the Washington monument, exquisitely wrought in mosaic. At the base, as if for a corner stone, are these words: "Christmas, 1897."

On a stand of gilt is an expensive toilet fater set. It is of gold, with artistic little wreaths of roses holding in place four cut glass toilet bottles. An effective handle is formed by natural twisted vines with little buds and tendrils peeping here and there. This elegant present was sent to Mrs. MacKinley last Christmas.

Resting on a pile of boxes back of the gilt stand is a life-size portrait of the president. It is a splendid piece of work. The background is of dark, uncertain greenish shade. The head is turned slightly to one side, and seems to be gazing straight into the eye of the looker-on.

A morocco case holds a set of gold and silver toilet articles, consisting of comb, brush, mirror, hat brush, clothes brush and manicure set. There are other gifts of like character and of more or less value. There is a bronze lamp on a base of onyx with an old rose crystal shade, also an inlaid music stand. There can be seen pieces of fancy work, carved wood, tapestries, paintings and embroidery. Mysterious-looking packages and boxes are scattered around. These are not allowed to be opened. Among them is a box about three feet long, resembling in shape and build a miniature coffin. It is made of beautifully grained and highly polished dark wood. On top in heavy relief is a representation wrought in solid silver, the shield of the United States. On the side of this mysterious box is a plate bearing the inscription:

"Presented to President McKinley, Christmas, 1897."

It is an odd-looking piece, and there is no telling what is inside of it, but it has been said that it holds a political effigy.

Outside this curiosity shop are several other rooms. One contains all kinds of dusty old documents sent up from the different offices of the executive mansion, when there is no longer room or use for them. A cedar room holds during the summer the winter clothing, and in winter the summer apparel of the president and his family. In the east wing of the garret is stored a miscellaneous lot of furniture of styles ranging from the times of '61. There are two antique walnut bedsteads in the light and dark grains of the wood. These two pieces of furniture were in the White House during Lincoln's administration, and since that period, as the fashions have changed have gradually worked themselves from the guests' chambers to the servants' room, and from servants' room to the garret.

There are also several delicately built mahogany chairs. Years ago these were used in the east room. The upholstering is badly worn, and the coloring faded until it is almost impossible to discern the original pattern and shading. It may have been old rose, or, as the pattern indicates its birth in the days of lavender, it is more likely that the colors were in that dainty court shade. The handsomest piece of furniture in the attic is a large inlaid cabinet. The groundwork is of rosewood, with roses, lilies and forget-me-nots, all sprouting from the same root and inlaid in mother-of-pearl and silver. This piece is very much out of repair, and, as it was not needed in any of the drawing rooms, it was consigned to the old attic.

During the summer, when a great many improvements were made in and about the White House, a lot of stuff was sent up to the attic—rolls of half-used carpet, useless chairs, boxes of curtains and some mirrors and pictures. Some of the last were views of Washington, several photographs and a few engravings.

An antique bookcase and writing desk formerly used in the president's office, but since replaced by more modern fixtures, has been stored here. Battered file cases and cumbersome newspaper files, with some winding desk chairs of the style of about 20 years ago.

All sorts of banged up odds and ends of furniture are piled in order. Everything is as clean as it is possible for things to be in a garret. There is a room full of old newspapers. Once a year this room is cleaned out and its contents sold by the wagon load as old newspapers. At the south side of the garret is a little barred door. By its side is a large pine box with an American flag spread over it. The box contains about two dozen such flags, which are used for decorating on holidays. The last time these flags were unfurled was to honor Admiral Dewey. The little barred door leads to the roof of the south portico, and from there by steps to the top of the house, where standing beneath the flagpole, one gets a magnificent view of the nation's capital.

The custom of storing away presents sent to presidents found its origin during the infant days of our government, and each successive president has consigned some treasures to the locker in the attic. Toward the close of each administration the contents of this locker are sold, and thus this old storehouse is emptied and replenished.

A WRITER.

REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, TAKES ISSUE WITH THE CITIZEN.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly allow me space to say a few words in reply to "Man About Town" of the Citizen, who so kindly explained the license question in relation to the common people. How about the people who are not common, have they ever been educated up so as they do not care for a glass of beer? We read of how a barrel of beer was found in Pat Murphy's barn, but never of how many barrels of wine Mr. Vere de Vere has in his cellar, and if he indulges quite freely that is perfectly right and proper. How many of the higher class vote no license? Few, I think; but then, they have all they want no matter which way the question goes. I consider it a disgrace to let our city go for license this year. Even if we did have higher taxes why people should be willing to put one more money if we can rid ourselves of such a nuisance.

It seems to me if what we lack is education some of our cultured people should give a series of receptions to the common people and teach us how to appear well, they could look up the wine cellar and entertain us at their homes, and the Women's Middlesex club could follow it up with a course of lectures on music and art, we do not expect all would attend but those who did would exert a refining influence over those with whom they work and associate, and in time we should see Browning take the place of beer and the people would reach a state of culture only equalled by Boston. Here are the common people, and now is the accepted time.

COMMON PEOPLE.

ONE SIDED MAN

ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH BUT IN ONE SIDE OF HIS BODY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Attached to the orderlies of the Pennsylvania hospital is a man who has lost a large part of the framework of one side of his body under the surgeon's knife, and yet who [illegible] well and claims to feel in good health.

The man is Alfred Taylor, 50 years old, an English sailor. He is minus his left arm, his left shoulder blade, his collar bone and part of four ribs. Taylor arrived in Philadelphia aboard a tramp steamer in April last, suffering from what was diagnosed by Dr. Robret Lecouie, the chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania hospital as a case of osteo sarcoma. A careful examination showed the man's arm, shoulder blade and collar bone to be affected.

Taylor consented to an operation in the face of almost certain death. For five and a half hours he was under anaesthetics. The doctors then regarded their work completed, but a discovery that the first four ribs on the left side were diseased at the ends called the knife again into play.

For nearly three months Taylor was carefully nursed and watched, mending gradually and always bright and cheerful, and a short while ago he was attached to the staff of orderlies at the hospital.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. TO PLAY CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

All arrangements are now completed for the big basket ball game Christmas night at Associate hall between the Burkes and the P. A. C. The game bids fair to be the best seen here this season. Both teams will undoubtedly play the game of their lives, as victory means everything to either. It is said that considerable money is being wagered on the result of the game. A second game between the same teams will be played New Year's night. The make up of the two teams in Monday's night game will be: Burkes—Reagan and Tierney, forwards; Marley, centre; O'Neil and Kelleher, guards. P. A. C.—Allard and MacFarland, forwards; Cummings, centre; Mack and Halloran, guards.

MISSING CASHIER

RETURNED HOME AFTER A MONTH'S DISAPPEARANCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—Edward P. Deering, formerly cashier for Woodbury & Moulton, the banking concern in this city, which assigned November 1, and who disappeared the next day after the assignment, returned home last night. He refused to say where he has been or to discuss the affairs of the bank.

SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

An enjoyable supper and entertainment was held last evening in the vestry of the First Baptist church, North Tewksbury, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The former feature was made a distinct success under the guiding hands of Mrs. Chester Boutwell and Mrs. Van Dusen, whose capabilities in this department have been tried and found far from wanting. The entertainment was of a standard that is always kept up in Tewksbury. Principal among the participants was Miss Beleden of the Emerson School of Oratory of Boston, who gave several readings, all of which were well received. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Ella Flemings and a duet on the same instrument was given by the Misses Leahy. But among all the numbers none received or deserved more applause than the singing of Master Hubert Blackburn, a little fellow with a sweet voice and a pleasing expression. He had to respond to an encore.

After the entertainment a handsome quilt, the handiwork of the ladies, was placed on sale at auction. After much sharp but pleasant rivalry in bidding, the article was finally "knocked down" to Mrs. Dawson, who promptly paid $3.50 and appeared happy as well as triumphant to get it for that. The event was in charge of Mr. Frank Perkins, to whom acknowledgement of thanks should be given for its success socially and financially.

MONTHLY SUPPER.

The regular monthly supper under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle of the Paige street Free Baptist church, was held in the vestry of the church last evening and was largely attended. It lasted from 6 to 8. Mrs. W. O. Brown, president of the circle, had general charge and was ably assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. John Robert, Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Huber Hayes.

BAKERS WANT TO CLOSE.

Some Centralville bakers want to close on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock instead of at 9.30 o'clock and to remain open until 9.30 o'clock on Monday and Friday evenings and 10.30 o'clock on Saturday evenings. They wish all bakeries in the city to agree to the same hours of closing.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The parochial schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation and the public schools will close this afternoon. Exercises will be held at different public schools in the afternoon but they will not be public, as the teachers in the different rooms have special programs for their classes.

The Easy Food
Easy to Buy,
Easy to Cook,
Easy to Eat,
Easy to Digest
Quaker Oats
At all grocers
in 2-lb. pkgs. only.

Intense Suffering

FROM DYSPEPSIA AND STOMACH TROUBLE

Instantly Relieved and Permanently Cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

"It Is Not a Patent Medicine

Dr. Redwell relates an interesting account of what he considers a remarkable case of acute stomach trouble and chronic dyspepsia by the use of the new discovery, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

He says: The patient was a man who had suffered, to my knowledge, for years with dyspepsia. Everything he ate seemed to sour and create gases in the stomach. He had pains like rheumatism in the back, shoulder blades and limbs, fullness and distress after eating, poor appetite and loss of flesh; the heart became affected, causing palpitation and sleeplessness at night.

"I gave him powerful nerve tonics and blood remedies, but to no purpose. As an experiment I finally bought a 50 cent package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at a drug store and gave them to him. Almost immediate relief was given and after he had used four boxes he was to all appearances fully cured.

"There was no more acidity or sour, watery risings, no bloating after meals the appetite was vigorous and he has gained between 10 and 12 pounds in weight of solid, healthy flesh.

Although Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are advertised and sold in drug stores, yet I consider them a most valuable addition to any physician's line of remedies, as they are perfectly harmless and can be given to children or invalids or in any condition of the stomach with perfect safety, being harmless and containing nothing but fruit and vegetable essences, pure pepsin and Golden Seal.

"Without any question they are the safest, most effective cure for indigestion, biliousness, constipation and all derangements of the stomach, however slight or severe."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are made by the F. A. Stuart Co. of Marshall, Mich., and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package.

Little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

THE SEWER LOAN

Passed by the Common Council in Concurrence

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SEWERS

The Water Tower Loan Also Passed

The common council had a special meeting last night. It was held principally for the purpose of taking concurrent action on the $10,000 sewer loan. This was passed as was also the order for a loan of $14,000 for a down-town location for the water tower which was defeated at the last meeting. Twenty members were present, and after the reading of the warrant, the water tower order on which a motion to reconsider was made at the last meeting was taken up.

Councilman Mullaney spoke in favor of the motion to reconsider and hoped that the order would be adopted. He did not think it was right to have such a valuable piece of apparatus standing idle and if it cannot be given a down-town location he thought the thing should be sold at once. He referred to the fire at the corner of Market and Shattuck streets at which the damage was greater than it would have been if the water tower had been near the center of the city. It took an hour to get the tower to the scene of the fire and the firemen started to drive it over the tracks. They found after much delay that they could not do that and had to go around. "There are a good many blocks in ward two, where I live" said Councilman Mullaney, "and I think the tower schould be brought down town."

Councilman Brown asked if $14,000 would be enough to pay all the penses for the housing of the water-tower down town. Two years ago when he was on the fire department committee he said it was figured out that the whole cost would be $30,000. He expressed his willingness to vote for the order if the amount named would be enough, but he did not want to see another request for more money later on.

Councilman Walker said he voted against the order before because the city's financial condition will not stand such an expenditure. Councilman Bean thought it would be a great benefit to the city to have the water tower down town. He said it is proposed to use the horses now used on the other apparatus at the Palmer street station and the expense of maintenance would not be increased.

Councilman Clark was in favor of the order and said that the damage at the time of the Huntington hall fire would have been less if the tower had arrived earlier. Councilman Flanders also spoke in favor of the order and then it passed with only Councilman Walker voting against it, the motion to reconsider having previously been passed.

The order for a $10,000 loan for sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The following order offered by Councilman Clark was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Ordered, that to our president, clerk and messenger, the common council of 1899 does with the utmost sincerity and good feeling tender its sincere thanks for the extreme courtesy, efficient and impartial manner in which they have performed their several duties and that we as individuals as well as a body politic most heartily wish for them the good things of this life in whatever station they may in the future find themselves."

There were several other matters of business but it was decided to let them go over to the next meeting, the call having specified that the meeting was for the purpose of taking action on the sewer loan.

CORPORATION RETURNS.

Lowell Co-operative Milk association Lowell, J. E. Gibson, treasurer. Annual meeting, Nov. 25, 1899; certificate filed Dec. 11, 1899.

Real estate and buildings, $11,802; machinery, $500; cash and debts received, $5534; miscellaneous, $2859; profit and loss, $14,911; total, $35,606.

Capital stock, $25,000; debts, $10,500; total, $35,566.

CREDIT TO ALL

DEAR SIR

Ladies' love (of course next best to you) articles that tend to make their appearance attractive and stollsh. Our business proves it. A visit to our store would prove it to you. Still the stronger sex is not forgotten, plenty here to please the men and boys. May we suggest:

Ladies' Jackets $7.98 to $25
Ladies' Capes $5.98 to $18.75
Ladies' Skirts $2.98 to $16.75
Ladies' Waists $1.98 to $9.98
Trimmed Hats $2.98 to $6.98
Furs $3.98 to $16.75
Girls' Reefers $3.98 to $8.98

From 50c. down and 50c. week to $1.50 down and $1.50 a week will buy any article in the store.

Men's Overcoats $9.75 to $25
Men's Suits $10.75 to $22.50
Boys' Suits $3.00 to $6.50
Boys' Reefers $3.50 to $7.50
Mens' Hats $2, $2.50, $3

It is an easy and pleasant way to secure useful gifts, especially here, where credit buys as much and as cheap as ready cash.

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A. STRAUSS, Manager.

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OF ALL KINDS AT

J. DRAIN'S NEW STORES, 83 to 89 Gorham St.

It is simply grand, everything is new, everything is lovely and everything is more than reasonable in prices. Why, the doll you can get at Drain's for 23c, down town they ask you 38c.

Drain Dolls for 49c, others ask 75c. Drain Dolls for 75c, others ask $1.00.

Drain Dolls for 98c, others ask $1.49.

Just see them, they are something elegant, all kinds, sleeping dolls for 25c, dressed in boxes.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

Jewelry pocketbooks, fancy toilet and miniature set of all kinds, silk and linen initial Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 49c, great values in white aprons. Our line is very much larger than ever before. Special value in very fine goods for 25c, 38c and 49c, worth at least 50 per cent. more than we ask.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR GENT'S FURNISHING window loaded with Gent's fine neckwear of the very highest grade, thousands of different styles for 23c, others ask 38c for no better.

Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

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FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mansur, Room 1, 20 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

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FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 4500 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

"A CHRISTMAS present for Papa," Plush-Lined Buffalo Robe at Chier's store, 340 Bridge street.

FREE—Send no money. We give watches, bracelets, rings, etc., for selling our jewelry novelties. Send your name and address and we will mail you eighteen pearlpins in enamel and different colored stones to sell at ten cents each. The best sellers ever offered. When sold, send us the money and we will give you a watch as your choice of our list of premiums which we send with the pins. Acme Jewelry company, North Attleboro, Mass.

A TEN DOLLAR INVESTMENT RETURNS TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PROFIT—This is better than a dozen Klondikes—at least this is the honest opinion of 617 investors who placed from $10 to $20 in Montana and Utah mining shares with the older reliable mining brokerage firm of W. H. Nichols, No. 1 West Broadway, Butte, Mon. Average profit of the 617 investors in ten months was $187.50, and many of the lucky ones made $500 off $10. Mr. Nichols is now floating two more new mining companies; he is a very shrewd and careful mining operator—he is a good one to follow.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Neil, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Perkal Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $3.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Follows, 138 Merrimack street.

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LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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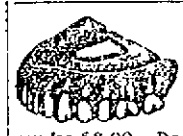

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WANTED—A second-hand green bone cutter in good repair. Address Box 71, Tewksbury, Mass.

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WANTED.—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the Provident Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 903, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M. Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 251 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 125 Merrimack street, opposite Hon Marche.

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CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutter, 125 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 141 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 139 East Merrimack street.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $5. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Read, 228 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 5, Hon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pocketbook between 158 Concord street and 22 Appleton street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 22 Appleton street.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.
The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS. They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 14, Hildreth building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.
Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 65 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.
It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 63-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 202 Mid'x St. Tel. 538-5.

Hear the Dartmouth combined Musical Clubs. Best college talent, Odd Fellows' Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

PRESENTED WITH WATCH.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the United States Indemnity Society was held last night at Old Odd Fellows' hall, over 300 members being present. Grand Supreme Secretary Albert C. Smith of Boston was present and addressed the assemblage. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Robert E. Magee of a valuable watch and chain. Grand Secretary Smith made the presentation in a most happy manner and Mr. Magee made fitting response. He was deeply moved at the beautiful testimonial of esteem of brother members. On the back of the case was inscribed, "Presented to Robert E. Magee, State Lecturer of U. S. I. S., by the members of the United States Indemnity Society, Dec. 21, '99." Among the other speakers who added their mite to the general enjoyment and good fellowship of the evening were W. H. I. Hayes, Past Councillor W. L. Hardy, George Hartwell, Frank Merrill, Frank Doherty, Edward Berkinger and Joseph H. Dextra. A general good time followed and refreshments were served. The annual meeting of the society will take place in Boston on Jan. 2, and Robert Magee and Joseph H. Dextra will represent the local society at the next meeting. The local society now numbers nearly 1700 members.

MIDDLESEX CLUB.

The Middlesex Social club will hold its third annual social at Prescott hall Wednesday evening, January 3d.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 51 MERK ST.

HEAD BEATEN IN

OLD MAN BRUTALLY MURDERED AT HUBBARDSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22—Asa Bennett of this place, eighty years old, was found murdered in the kitchen of his house shortly before 8.30 last night by Mrs. Bennett. She attended a prayer meeting in the Congregational church about 100 feet from the house and when she returned home, found her husband's body on the floor of the kitchen, the head badly beaten by an iron bolt which was found near the body. There is no clue to the murderer.

FOUNDERS' DAY OBSERVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 22—The New England society of Detroit celebrated Founders' Day with an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Cadillac last night. Hon. James H. Hoyt of Cleveland delivered the address of the evening on "From Plymouth Rock to Manila."

FUND FOR TROOPS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—British and Colonial born residents of Boston formed a fund in aid of the British troops in Africa last night and the first pledges made a total of $2,000.

BOXING IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Crescent Athletic club held its regular monthly meeting at the club rooms last night and after other matters were attended to, three bouts which had been arranged were pulled off. The first was that between Jim Marrow (colored) of this city and John Murphy of South Boston for four rounds. Murphy had the upper hand of it through the second round when Murphy landed a swift blow on his opponent's jaw, putting him to sleep, in which condition he remained for nearly five minutes. Murphy was given the decision.

"Spike" Hanley of South Boston had a little set-to with young Tierney of Holbrook. Tierney proved to have a little the better of it in that he outpointed his opponent.

Billy Berkley and Morris Rosenberg, the latter of Boston, were next to go. The bout was a good one and both men put up a clever, clean fight. Berkley, however, might have received the decision on points if one were to be given.

AT HARVARD'S CREW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Jas. Lawrence, president of the senior class and right tackle on the football team, has been elected captain of the junior crew.

LINCOLN CLUB.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the meeting of the Lincoln club last night in the club's headquarters in the Hildreth building, and nominations were made as follows for officers to be voted for at the next Thursday evening: President, William H. Hounsel; first vice president, George S. Holt; second vice president, Joseph E. Patten; recording secretary, E. J. Wardell; financial secretary, Fred A. Tilton; treasurer, James Gunnuell; warden, Jas. Boyle.

Elgin lodge, N. E. O. P., held its regular meeting last night at Old Highland Hall and received one application. The election of officers followed and resulted as follows: Warden, Hettie A. Burrows; vice warden, Minnie H. Fogg; secretary, Christabel Burrows; financial secretary, M. A. Fogg; treasurer, James E. McIntosh; chaplain, E. T. Norris; guide, W. S. Holt; guardian, G. H. Harrington; sentinel, C. W. Parsons; trustee for three years, James P. McIntosh. The lodge will meet every first and third Thursday in the month.

TO FIX THE RATES

The Differential Squabble to be Settled

BY A MEETING ON JANUARY 4

Of the Trans Continental and Eastern Lines

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Hopes for an amicable settlement of the difficulties that have arisen from the old differential squabble down east are dimmer now than ever before. The situation has taken another turn for the worse and it is not improbable that the second class rate from this city to San Francisco soon will be shaved if not actually slashed. Local passenger men have discovered Boston-San Francisco tickets in the Chicago market which are being offered at rates lower than the regular Chicago-San Francisco rate.

From the first time since the trouble took on its present phase the Vanderbilts openly expressed their determination to secure the same rate from New England points to Pacific coast points as that offered by the differential lines. They have taken the stand that there is no justifiable reason why the differential lines should be permitted to undersell them on the second class tickets.

At a meeting held by the representatives of trans-continental lines here, a committee was appointed to meet with representatives of the New England lines, Jan. 4, in Boston and to report the results of the meeting to the trans-continental men in this city five days later. The chief object of the Boston meeting is to determine the strength of those who want to settle the trouble amicably.

In today's meeting the Burlington, the Rock Island, the St. Paul and the Northwestern, the lines that are boycotted by the Boston and Maine and the Fitchburg roads, gave all other roads to understand that they would stand by the Boston and Albany if the Santa Fe, the Alton and the Missouri Pacific continue to give their support west of Chicago to the Boston and Maine.

AKIEN ST. EXTENSION

ONLY SMALL PORTION WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

The only portion of the Aiken street extension that will be completed this year will be that portion between Merrimack and Moody street. The brick building used as a stable has been demolished and workmen have been engaged in cutting down the grade at Moody street. Between Moody and Ford street people have failed to remove their buildings as rapidly as the city authorities desired.

Sears' GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

GIRL ASSAULTED

AND CHOKED BY A WOULD-BE ROBBER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

STOUGHTON, Dec. 22.—As Miss G. Jennie Carpenter, who is bookkeeper at Upham Bros.' shoe factory, was returning from work to her home last evening, at 6.15, near the corner of Chester and Walnut streets she heard a man's voice saying: "Is that you, Miss Carpenter?"

Upon her answering it was, the man hurriedly came toward her, grabbed her round the neck, choked her and tried to obtain possession of her pocket book, which was in her hand and which contained her week's wages. Miss Carpenter struggled and attempted to scream, but was choked and struck in the face several times, when her assailant, becoming frightened, ran away.

Miss Carpenter retained possession of her pocket book and reached her home in a frightened and exhausted condition. She was found to be badly scratched about the neck, her face was bruised, but she was otherwise uninjured. The neighbors searched for the assailant, but could find no trace of him.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

WITH A RAZOR OWING TO ILLNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—James Duane Taylor, one of the important officers in New York city of the Wagner Palace Car company and a son-in-law of the founder of the company, committed suicide yesterday at the Grafton hotel in this city by cutting his throat with a razor.

Mr. Taylor was suffering from some nervous affection, caused by illness, and the fatal act was committed apparently on the impulse of the moment.

The suicide was 63 years of age. Accompanied by his brother and son and Dr. Lee, he came to this city on Dec. 16 and registered at the Grafton. He was brought here under charge of a physician to see if a change of scene would not prove beneficial to his health. Some one was constantly with him, but today he was left alone in the room for a moment, and in that time he ended his life.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames will give a tea next Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lanier Dunn.

OVER A MILLION
10-cent packages of Johnson's Kidney Pills have been sold. It was the first Reliable Kidney Remedy offered the public at a popular price, and is the ONLY ONE that is GUARANTEED to cure all diseases of the KIDNEYS, BLADDER and URINARY ORGANS. What better testimonials could we give. 25 Pills 10 cents. By mail for five 2-cent stamps.
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PEOPLE ARE USING JOHNSON'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR KIDNEY TROUBLES
For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

A New Market
IN AN OLD STAND
New goods, new prices, new management, new ideas, new ways of doing business.
The old Public Market, corner of Howard and Middlesex streets has all been remodeled over and a new stock of goods has been put in. The place is decorated with evergreens and colored trimmings, with a large lot of choice poultry mixed in. Here are a few prices we are giving.
Young Turkeys 10 to 15c lb.
Young Chickens, 10 to 15c lb.
Ducks, Geese and Game at the same low figures.
PUBLIC MARKET,
Corner of Howard and Middlesex Streets.
Open Evenings.

HOWELL'S ADDRESS

THE SUCCESSOR OF EDITOR GRADY AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Clark Howell of Atlanta, Ga., editor of the Atlanta Constitution was guest of honor at the monthly dinner of the Independent club last evening and delivered an address which was listened to attentively by the 500 members of the club and their guests. His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

He favored expansion in the interests of southern commerce.

REAR COMMODORE LIPTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton has been unanimously elected rear commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht club.

LOWELL ESTATES.

Following are the estates left by deceased residents of Lowell as recorded in Cambridge: Almeda Gage, $6,724.46; Nathaniel Davis, $96,832.72.

Mrs. Maude L. Clough of the Linden House, Manchester, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane, 4 Pine street.

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Open Every Evening This Week.

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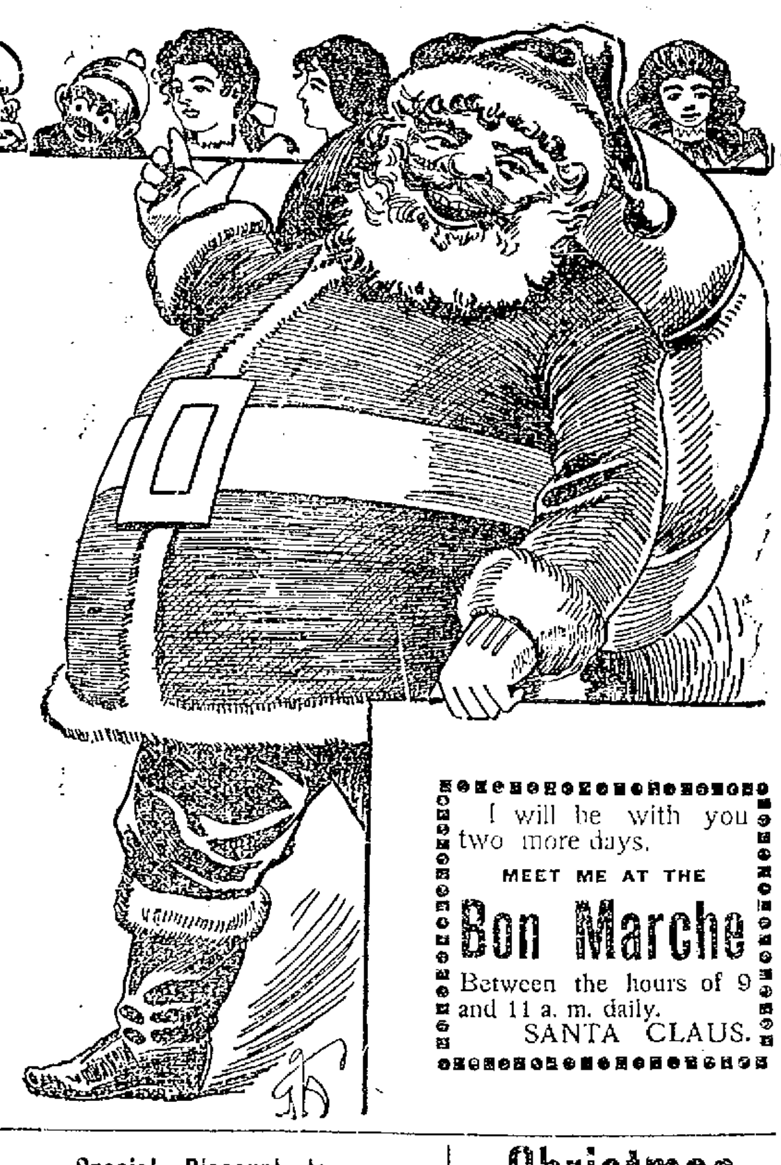
Only Two More Days, Friday and Saturday.
And we insist upon disposing of the bulk of our gigantic stock of Toys, Dolls, Games and Xmas Novelties in just that time (28 business hours) We must clean up—we will clean up. Come and see the special lots we are throwing out at 5c., 10c., 25c., 49c., and 69c., just about half what they are worth; but it's against our business principle to carry anything over. To make a long story short—"It's about giving you the goods at your own price." Come today if you can, and avoid the tremendous rush of tomorrow. We are having a tremendous trade, sales away ahead of a year ago—4 teams busy as can be delivering the goods whereas a year ago 2 sufficed. Special delivery to all parts of the city until midnight, Saturday and on Xmas morning.



For 5c. Each
A lot of Celluloid Novelties that were 10 to 25c, pin trays and cases, Handkerchief and Glove cases, etc., some—in fact most are a little scrached, but not very noticeable.

For 10c. Each
25c Novelties of all kinds, Celluloid in various colors, Handkerchief cases, Glove Cases, Suspender Cases, Necktie Cases, also some 19c goods thrown into this lot.

For 19c. Each
25c and 49c Celluloid and other Novelty Cases for Gloves, Hdkfs., Fans, Neckties, Suspenders, Jewelry, etc., etc. These are bargains indeed.

For 25c. Each
50c Celluloid Novelties in every shape also in sets and separate pieces. Glove and Hdkfs. Sets, Fan Cases, Jewel Cases, Work Boxes and a lot of other novelties.

For 49c. Each
75c and $1.00 Novelties in Celluloid and Leatherette in all manner of shapes, Toilet Sets, Shave and Smoke Sets, Photo Cases, Glove, Hdkf., Collar and Cuff, Fan, Necktie and Suspender cases.

For 69c. Each.
An aggregation of high grade Celluloid cases which have been sold as high as $1.25 each, and perhaps some were more money. Toilet Cases complete, Brush, Comb, Mirror, Toilet and Manicures combined, Manicure complete, etc., etc.

For Any Price.
All our most expensive Celluloid and Plush combination Novelty Boxes, also the new Portrait Cases, Full Toilet and Manicure combination cases, Smoking and Shaving Sets, Work and Jewel Boxes. No reasonable offer refused, in order to close out clean.

BOOT & SHOE DEPT.
We are still in the shoe business. Trade is booming and the slipper bargains are going quick. For special Xmas Slippers 49c, Xmas Slippers 73c.

I will be with you two more days.
MEET ME AT THE
Bon Marche
Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. daily.
SANTA CLAUS.

Toys, Dolls.
We are doing the same thing with Dolls and Toys—bunching them up into lots. Not only making special low prices, but making shopping easy by placing large price cards on each lot. Look for the large price tickets—although the price is large in print, it is small in volume.

Books. Books.
Special Discount to Sunday Schools.

Several lots we are determined to close out. None more particularly than the Juvenile Books. See the lots at 3c, 5c, 9c and 12 1-2c.

Oak leaf edition of handy volume classics, poems, etc., etc., now 25c.

Remington Frontier Sketches, marked from $1.98 to 98c.

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See the classics we are selling at 15c. 124 Subjects.

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See the cloth bound Liptin, 12 mos., at 10c.

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All Reduced to go Quick.
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Boers Can Obtain Men and Supplies by Delagoa Bay—The War Office Withholding News—Gen. White Can Hold Out

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There is still no definite news regarding military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official despatches. General Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published shows that 145 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate. Royal letters signed by the Queen are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families. Interest centers for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements.

GEN. WHITE SAFE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Mail says: We understand that news has arrived from General White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated. The troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight.

FOOD AND RECRUITS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In default of any important news of Generals Buller and Methuen, public attention is directed to the question of the possibility of the Boers importing food, the munitions of war and recruits by way of the the Portuguese port of Lourenzo Marquez. Many statements, some of them bearing evidence of accuracy, have appeared in the newspapers apparently confirmatory of these reports.

The passage of foreign officers and men into the Transvaal, however is most difficult to prove and before it can be asserted that quantities of ammunition and food stuffs are passing into the Transvaal from Lourenzo Marquez the facts must be absolutely sure.

England ,at present, is directing a very keen and critical eye upon Delagoa bay, more so than is generally thought. A Delagoa Bay merchant explains how well the Boers, having no lack of money, are able to continue their persistent and ever increasing resistance:

"The Portuguese officials of the Delagoa port, and I know them well, are the most corrupt lot in the world. When the war commenced the Portuguese in Delagoa Bay, like everybody else in the world, considered victory a dead certainty for the English and therefore they at first put a certain curb upon the Boer importation of arms, recruits, etc. But since the English reverses, all that has been changed. They have turned round and are entirely against us.

ANOTHER BRIGADE

TO BE SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses, authorizing a collection in the various dioceses, throughout England on Jan. 7 in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

The various city guilds have given an additional 12,000s. for the expenses of the imperial volunteers, beside gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include two nephews of Lord Roberts, Maj. Charles Sherston and Maj. Maxwel Sherston.

The admiralty has decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 500 men to South Africa. It is believed that in mobilizing the eight division, the war office will have recourse, to some extent, to the militia, it being deemed inadvisible to denude the home garrisons overmuch of regulars.

LADYSMITH

WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR SOMETIME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—The only news from South Africa of the slightest importance up to 3 p.m., today is the report that Ladysmith is able to hold out for some time to come and a message from General Methuen, which, though undated, permits the assumption that his communications have not been cut.

General Methuen's complaint about the rudeness of his opponent is the latest surprise of this surprising war and judging from the tone of some of the comment, General Methuen's peevishness is more distasteful to many people in Great Britain than his continued silence would have been.

There is no diminution of the enthusiasm among the volunteers. All kind of offers are reaching Lord Chesham, who is to command the mounted volunteer force. Members of the stock exchange have already promised one hundred horses from their stables and an offer of an Irish contingent of 115 hunting men was accepted this morning.

Prince Francis of Teck, younger brother of the Duchess of York, sailed for Cape Town today with a detachment of the Royal Dragoons.

Lord Salisbury and General Roberts had a conference with the queen at Winsdor this afternoon.

You will be as easily understood by saying "Fashion Corner" as Merrimack Clothing Co.

TO BE REMEMBERED.

Miss Amy L. Tucke, teacher of the seventh grade of the Bartlett grammar school will be remembered by her pupils if they don't remember anybody else this afternoon. Her pupils have collected among themselves a suitable amount of money to purchase her two fine presents for Christmas.

As Miss Tucke is a special favorite with her pupils, and as she is ever ready to help them they will not let Christmas pass without giving her a present. She will be presented with a jardiniere and a Christmas card. Master Harold Sherman, on behalf of the pupils, will make the presentation speech.

A fine entertainment will be afterwards given in which many of the pupils of the class will take part. The program will be under the direction of Miss May Courtney. The program follows: Recitations, Ida Peters, Luella Dewar, Katherine O'Donoghue, Abbie Bean, Nora Ryan, Marietta Leary and Anastasia Murray; singing, "Christmas Bells," class.

The principal, Mr. Cyrus Durgin, has been invited to be present during the exercises.

You may not have thought of these for a Christmas Gift. Allow us to suggest:

Children's Fancy Chairs and Rockers,
Ladies' Fancy Chairs and Rockers,
Ladies' Desks, Combination Book Cases and Desks, ...

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Parlor Tables,
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Mirrors
Easels, Screens,
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Wringers.

DURABLE,
USEFUL
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS.

Or a "20th Century Range or Parlor Stove. The Ladies' Oak Frame Velour Upholstered Spring Seat Rocker we will place on sale at $1.98 Monday, is one of the attractions. The costly and artistic calendar we give to the purchaser of one dollar or more worth of goods is another. Come. We are better prepared than ever before to do you justice.

To The People's Favorite Furniture Store.

A. E. O'HEIR & CO., 14, 16 and 18 Merrimack St.

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SLANDER ALLEGED

Selectman Lewis of Tewksbury Sued

BY A WOMAN OF THAT TOWN

Damages Have Been Placed at $5000

Suit has been brought by Mrs. Vira Moody of Tewksbury against Selectman William T. Lewis of that town in an action of tort the damages being placed at $15,000. The writ is returnable in the superior court next February. Philip J. Farley is the counsel for the plaintiff, but he declined to say anything about the matter for a day or two. The plaintiff, who was seen yesterday morning at her home just beyond the railroad crossing at the almshouse station also peremptorily refused to say anything. She added that there was absolutely nothing to say.

Mr. Lewis was not seen. He had been in the Centre during the morning and had also come in to the city. But he had gone to his home in Ballardvale. Several other well-known residents of the town were also seen, but they were not inclined to talk about the matter. All that could be learned was, that the suit is based on alleged remarks attributed to Mr. Lewis and which are claimed to affect the character and standing of the plaintiff in the town. Mr. Lewis did not know what the claim was and communicated with the plaintiff's attorney to find out. He has no recollection of making remarks on which a suit could be based.

The plaintiff is from 55 to 60 years of age and has been a resident of the town for about 20 years. She was at one time employed in the Tewksbury institutions; having a daughter employed there now.

One of the Tewksbury citizens said to a reporter: "Mr. Lewis has an excellent standing in the town and enjoys the confidence of the community. He is not considered a man given to slanderous statements and if there has been any gossip concerning the plaintiff it is thought singular that he should be selected as the one responsible therefor."

FUNERALS.

FINNEGAN—The remains of the late William A. Finnegan were consigned to their final resting place this afternoon in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral which took place from the home of his parents, 122 Prince street, at 2 o'clock was very largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased. All last night and today the house was crowded with friends who had come to look for the last time upon the face of their friend and companion. Although it was the request of the family that no floral tributes be sent, the following were received: A large pillow inscribed "Willie," Mrs. Ellen Murphy and family and a large circle composed of roses, pinks, and chrysanthemums and ferns from Frank J. Gaffney, a chum of the deceased. The casket was borne by the following companions of the deceased: Frank J. Gaffney, George Hobdurn, Edward Murphy, Dominick Monahan, Hayward Bartlett and James E. McCann. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Burke. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

HUNTOON—The body of Mrs. Augusta A. Huntoon, who died Tuesday in Lynn, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon at 1.38. The funeral services were held at the Lowell cemetery chapel at 2.30, Rev. Mr. Hewitt being the officiating clergyman. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of J. B. Currier.

THOMPSON—The funeral of William Thompson took place yesterday morning from his late residence, 71 Railroad street. Rev. Mr. Manchester officiated. The bearers were members of Post 42, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker C. M. Young.

RAHILL—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Rose Rahall took place from her late home, 546 Rogers street. Services were held at the Immaculate Conception church at 3 o'clock, Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Riley, Tighe, Tyrrell and Welch. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker McDermott.

DALY—A high mass of requiem was celebrated this morning over the remains of the late Johanna Daly at St. Patrick's church at 8.30 o'clock. Rev. Richard S. Burke was celebrant, Rev. John J. Gilday of St Michael's church deacon and Rev. Michael J. Leonard, sub deacon. The choir was in attendance and several appropriate selections were effectively rendered. The funeral was very largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The pall bearers were Messrs. John Daly, James Bassett, Dennis Wheley and Patrick Guyton. After mass the funeral proceeded over the road to Lawrence, and interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery in that city. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

McARDELL—The remains of Edward J. McArdell, who was killed yesterday in Lawrence were brought to this city today by Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock from Ardell, 59 West street.

DEATHS

BETENCITRE—Gloria, aged five months, infant child of Leon and Carlota Bentencitre, died this morning at the home of its parents, 128 Charles street.

MOODY IS DEAD

The Great Evangelist Passed Away Today

DEATH OCCURRED THIS NOON

Sketch of the Prominent Preacher's Career

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, died at noon today.

The passing of Mr. Moody was not unexpected by the members of his family and immediate circle of friends, although all had hope, until yesterday, that he might survive the attack of the disease for some months. The cause of death was a general breaking down of his health, due to overwork. His heart had been weak for a long time, and his exertions in the west last month brought on a collapse from which it was impossible for him to rally.

The evangelist broke down in Kansas City, where he was addressing a series of meetings last month, and the seriousness of his condition was so apparent to the physicians who attended him, that he was forced to abandon his tour and return to his home here with all possible speed. Upon his return home, eminent physicians were consulted by Dr. N. P. Wood, the Moody family doctor, and everything was done to prolong his life. A bulletin issued last week communicated the tidings to the public that Mr. Moody was a very sick man, and little improvement was shown. This week however the patient improve steadily, until yesterday, when he appeared very nervous. This symptom was accompanied by weakness which much depressed the family who were anxiously watching the sufferer.

This morning the weakness continued and at eight o'clock Mr. Moody told his wife and children that the end was not far off. The family remained close to the bedside all the forenoon. The evangelist did not suffer much pain and occasionally he talked with apparent ease. About the last words he was heard to utter were:

"I have always been an ambitious man, not to lay up wealth but to find work to do."

Just before 12 o'clock the watchers saw that the end was approaching, and at exactly noon the great preacher passed away.

[Mention of Mr. Moody's death will also be found on Page 6.]

And now the feminine mind turns to the Merrimack Clothing Co.—"Fashion Corner"—for the choice styles of men's furnishings.

LAWTON'S BODY

Placed in Paco Cemetery Temporarily

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 22, 12.30 p. m.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel in the Paco cemetery this morning. Private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by members of the general's staff and escorted by Troop I, of the 4th cavalry. Public services will be held later.

ENGINEER KILLED

In a Collision Between Two Trains

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22—William Lanigan, an engineer of the Lackawanna road, was killed, and his fireman, Herbert Smalte, probably fatally injured in a collision this morning between a passenger train of the Buffalo & Southwestern railroad, and an engine of the Lackawanna at the junction of the two roads in the suburbs of this city. The passengers on the Southwestern train were badly shaken up, but so far as could be learned, no one was injured.

LAWTON'S PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is said at the war department that the vacancy in the list of major-generals caused by the death of General Lawton will not be filled until after the funeral services over his remains at Manila, prior to their transport to the United States. It is said among well informed officers of the army here that the appointment will go to either General John C. Bates, Gen. S. M. B. Young or Gen. Lloyd Wheaton. It is also understood that Brig-Gen. A. R. Chaffee who has been chief of staff to General Brooke, commanding the division of Cuba, is likely to be relieved of duty in that division soon and given an important command with the army in the Philippines.

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

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MRS. DODGE DEAD

Injuries Received in Boston Resulted Fatally

SHE DIED IN THE CITY HOSPITAL

Her Remains Will be Removed to Lowell

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. C. S. Dodge of Lowell died at a hospital today of injuries received here yesterday, by being struck by a falling sign on Winter street. She was unconscious when removed to the city hospital where it was found that she had sustained a severe fracture of the skull. A boy named Horace Gott was also struck by the sign, but was only slightly injured, as Mrs. Dodge had received the full force of the blow. Mrs. Dodge's friends will take the body to Lowell today for interment.

BIG FIRM ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The large dry goods establishment of John M. Conklin & Son of Brooklyn made a general assignment today. The assignee, Edward F. Rengan, said the store would resume business later in the day. The house was established a year ago by John M. Conklin, who died last August. His son, William H. Conklin, has carried on the business since that time. No statement of the assets and liabilities has yet been made.

STRANGER HELD

AT HAVERHILL FOR LARCENY AT PLAISTOW, N. H.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—A stranger giving his name as James Tracey, was yesterday arrested by the police here and will be charged with breaking and entering a store in Plaistow, N. H. He is alleged to have sold several pairs of gloves in this city, which, it is said, were stolen from the store of John Sleeper in Plaistow.

Three other men also thought to be implicated are as yet free.

And now the feminine mind turns to the Merrimack Clothing Co. "Fashion Corner" for the choice styles of men's furnishings.

MOLINEUX TRIAL

EXPERT TOLMAN CALLED AS A WITNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Henry S. Tolman, a handwriting expert from Chicago, was called to testify today in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams.

He said he had testified in from 600 to 700 cases in court and had been engaged in the United States service deciphering and deciding on disputed writings. He had at one time been professor of medical jurisprudence in the University of Vermont.

Mr. Tolman said when he was given specimens to work on in this case he made a study of them entirely alone and unaided by any suggestions, not even knowing, he said, whom the prosecution suspected to be the writer of the poison Cornish letters.

When asked by Mr. Osborne to tell the jury in his own way the characteristics found by him in arriving at a conclusion as to disputed writings, the witness told of the striking resemblance in pictorial effect between the writings in the Barnet and Cornish letters and the now admitted writing. He first looked for the peculiarities in these admitted writings and found them to be strong as to muscles but weak as to will power.

Mr. Tolman said, however, that a most striking illustration of fading muscular impulses was to be found in the writing of the defendant's own name. There was a large capital "M", a large "O" and then running out to almost an unintelligible "x."

It is easier to say "Fashion Corner" than Merrimack Clothing Co., and the title fits.

"OLD LINERS" NIGHT.

Last night was "Old Liners 'night at Pelham and that famous organization held forth full quota at the town hall, where the 13th annual jolly good time was held. None the less in number and as full of the fraternal spirit as they were the first year the "boys" danced without encountering a tired feeling, from early evening till early morning, calling a halt only at midnight to conform with the new fangled way of doing things—an intermission—when a supper such as only an "Old Liner" representative knows how to get up, was served. In all, there might have been 60 couples, but to hear them without seeing them, one would think from the jollity prevailing that there were twice as many. This year it was Daniel Webster's and Page Fox's turn to do the honors, and they attended to them faithfully, leaving nothing undone to realize the success that the affair certainly was. Atwood's orchestra of this city furnished the musical inspiration for the dancing.

SEWER LOAN SIGNED.

Mayor Crowley has signed the sewer loan resolution in order that the sewer employes might have their pay for Christmas. His Honor however, was not so quick about the resolution appropriating money for the water tower house as he had not signed it up to noon.

The committee on ordinances and legislation will meet at 7.45 o'clock this evening.

Joseph A. Bruley of Westford street goes to New York today to be gone until Wednesday.

1000 Dress Suit Cases from $2.00 to $25.00 at Hodge's, 33 Merrimack St.

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A CRAZY EDITOR

The Daily News Scribe Shows Symptoms of Insanity

He Sees and Imagines Things That do Not Exist—Stupid Scheme to Cover up His Own Cuckooism—The Sun Shows up the Editorial Humbug

The editor of the Lowell Daily News must be crazy. At least he has been acting like a crazy man since the city election. The first symptoms of insanity in the News office came by megaphone on the night of election when they announced in the most boisterous manner that they were the only democratic paper in the city. This was taken by the people who knew them as a huge joke, but the News broke out the next day and has been showing additional symptoms of the most violent form of insanity ever since. There have been flaming announcements that The Sun was a renegade politically, that it did not support the democratic ticket in the last municipal election, and that the proprietor of The Sun is a cuckoo. Now the editor of the News knows and every one in the city knows that there is not the shadow of truth upon which to base such a statement. The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, but it has supported the entire democratic ticket ever since it was first published. We defy the editor of the News or any one else to point out one line in The Sun during the last campaign, that will warrant a single assertion that has been made by this editorial lunatic. The News no doubt has in mind the position which The Sun took over a year ago on the question whether the democracy should nominate Jeremiah Crowley for mayor. This was prior to the caucuses, and we then advised the democrats not to nominate him. We predicted that his nomination would be of an advantage to the democratic party whether he was elected or not. We gave good and sufficient reasons for our position previous to the nominating convention as we had a right to, and every statement we then made about his political antecedents was

ABSOLUTELY TRUE,

while every word of warning uttered by The Sun has since been amply justified. When Mr. Crowley was nominated we did as we always have done, we accepted the will of the democratic majority and supported the ticket. When Mr. Crowley came up for renomination this fall, The Sun had nothing to say one way or the other, but left it to the democrats in convention. When they nominated their candidates for mayor and aldermen, The Sun was the first paper to accept and endorse the will of the convention. We advised the democrats to support the ticket and sink the personal differences which we knew existed and to do their utmost for the success of the party at the polls. This we repeated several times during the campaign, and gave reasons why we believed Mr. Crowley would make a better mayor of the city than Mr. Putnam. The News conducted an entirely different kind of a campaign. It said practically nothing in favor of Crowley for there is not enough brains in the News office to write a logical article on why he should be elected. But it did branch off into the most vulgar kind of personal abuse of Mr. Putnam. It is only in personal abuse that the editor of the News has the slightest capability, and we can safely say that if the News had any influence at all in the last campaign, it simply made votes for Putnam by the

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Putnam & Son

NOW AS A MAN,

Honestly, aren't you puzzled to know what to give "her?"

Did you ever run up against a harder proposition?

It may be that our suggestion won't hit your case, but it's even chances that the average woman will always know what to do with a good Silk Umbrella.

We went at it deliberately this season to gather a better lot of Women's Umbrellas than had ever been brought to town, and if we haven't done it just tell us why. They're these sorts, and worth seeing anyway.

WOMEN'S TAFFETA SILK UMBRELLAS, silk cases and tassels, princess handles, plain or unmounted, $2.00 value, for **$1.47**

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WOMEN'S TAFFETA SILK UMBRELLAS, choice selection of fine natural wood, with sterling silver mounts, mother-of-pearl, silver deposit on pearl, all attractive handles, actual value $3.50, for. **$2.95**

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WOMEN'S TAFFETA SILK UMBRELLAS, with long mother of pearl and carved ivory handles, elegantly mounted with chased sterling silver bands and tops, or in heavy gold plate. The very newest ideas in handles, all elegant, and worth $6.00 and $7.00, for . . **$4.95**

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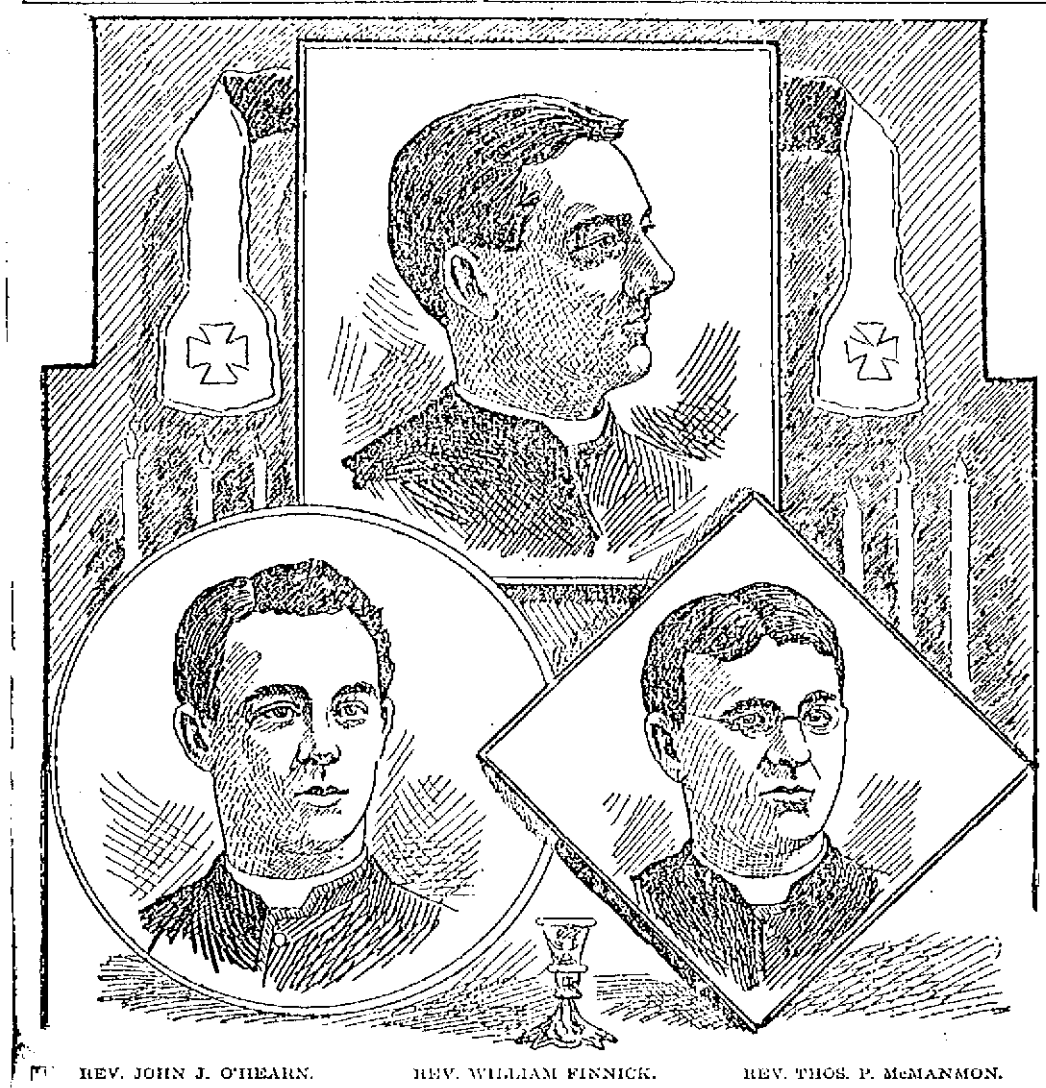

REV. JOHN J. O'HEARN. REV. WILLIAM FINNICK. REV. THOS. P. McMANMON.

YOUNG PRIESTS

Three Lowell Boys Were Ordained Today

ALL ATTENDED ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Many Lowell People Present at the Service

Three young men of this city were ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston today. They are Rev. Thomas P. McManmon, Rev. John O'Hearn and Rev. W. Finnick. The latter is a resident of East Chelmsford, but through his associations and connections here has always been recognized as a Lowell boy.

At today's ceremony 25 young levites, students of St. John's seminary, Brighton, were elevated to the priesthood. Archbishop Williams officiated and was assisted by the president and officers of the seminary. Many clergymen from every section of the archdiocese also assisted at the ceremony. The three young priests who claim Lowell as their home, were schoolmates in boyhood's days. Their early education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school, of which institution Rev. Fr. Finnick and Rev. Fr. O'Hearn are graduates. After their graduation they went to Holy Cross College, where they completed the prescribed course and then entered St. John's seminary, Brighton. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn is a son of Mrs. Ellen O'Hearn, who resides at the corner of Westford and Sayles streets. One of his brothers is Rev. James Walsh of Ayer Junction, and another brother, Daniel O'Hearn, is a medical student. Miss Ella O'Hearn, a teacher in the public schools, is a sister of the young priest. His father, the late Cornelius O'Hearn, was previous to his death, one of the leading spirits of St Patrick's parish. Fr. O'Hearn was a sanctuary boy at St. Patrick's previous to entering Holy Cross college. He is 25 years of age.

Rev. William H. Finnick is a native of East Chelmsford, where he was born 26 years ago. His family is one of the most respected in that town. As a boy he made the journey from his home to St. Patrick's school and return every day for several years in his efforts to equip himself as well as he possibly could. At this school and at Holy Cross college he was a model pupil, his quiet, agreeable disposition gaining him friends on all sides. He was a studious young man and always stood well in his class. He was persistent and persevering, never becoming discouraged, and it is due to these qualities that he has earned the success that is now his. Fr. Finnick has many friends, particularly those who were his schoolmates, look to a bright future for the young priest.

Rev. Thomas P. McManmon resided with his parents at 57 Second avenue, Pawtucketville, previous to entering college. His elementary education was received in St. Patrick's Boys' school and later he entered St. Joseph's college in Canada and completed the classical course. Since his graduation he has been preparing for the priesthood at St. John's seminary, Brighton. He is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Mayo 25 years ago, and has resided in this country since he was 11 years of age.

He is a brother of James McManmon, the florist, and selectman of the town of Dracut.

Quite a number of Lowell people went to Boston today to witness the ceremony of administering the sacrament of holy orders to the candidates. The party was made up of parents, friends and relatives of the young clergy.

The three priests will come to this city tomorrow evening.

Rev. Fr. McManmon will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church at 10.30 Sunday morning. He will preach at the high mass at the same church Christmas day. Rev. Fr. O'Hearn will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's church on Christmas day and Rev. Fr. Finnick will be celebrant of the high mass at the Sacred Heart church Christmas day.

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SERIES OF LECTURES

TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BURKE INSTITUTE.

It is the intention of the literary committee of the Burke Temperance Institute to arrange a series of lectures to be given at Burkes' Hall on every other Tuesday evening. The date of the first lecture has not been named yet, but the lecturer will be Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., the well known lawyer. It is not known what his subject will be, but it is needless to say that it will be an interesting one.

THE THORPE CASE

On Trial in Police Court Today

JUDGE HADLEY AND LAWYER DONAHUE

Engage in a Heated Argument

Only two arrests were made for drunkenness yesterday. They were Patrick H. Murphy and Maria Richardson. They were arraigned before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

Both were first offenders. Murphy was fined $5, while the woman got off easier, being taxed only $3.

The continued case of Frank Thorpe charged with drunkenness, was tried. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty and had D. J. Donahue, Esq., for counsel.

Thorpe, it will be remembered, was before the court last Saturday, charged with being a common drunkard. He was found guilty by the court and sentenced six months to jail. Thorpe appealed and secured bail. He was rearrested Saturday night in a barber shop on Lakeview avenue about six o'clock by Officer Lennon who claimed the defendant was intoxicated. Officers Libby and Sparks assisted Officer Lennon in making the arrest.

Officer Libby also testified that Thorpe was intoxicated.

This closed the government's case, and the defence was then heard. A number of witnesses were sworn. Thorpe was the first to testify. He denied drinking any liquor at all Saturday. He claimed he was under the influence of morphine when arrested. He showed a prescription he received from Dr. Poole. Defendant said it was for morphine and he also showed a bottle to the court, which he claimed contained the morphine. He said he got the bottle at Daniels O'Brien's drug store, but the court refused to admit this as evidence unless the pharmacist was brought into court and testify that the bottle contained morphine. The court refused to take Thorpe's word as proof that it was morphine.

A hot discussion followed on this point between His Honor and Lawyer Donahue, but the court would not admit Thorpe's testimony that the bottle contained morphine. He said the pharmacist who prepared the prescription would have to testify before he would be satisfied that the bottle contained morphine. The case was at length rested and the druggist was sent for.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, was again continued, this time till Wednesday next.

The case of Lindsey Bennett, a juvenile, charged with larceny, was continued one week for trial.

Maurice Goodman, charged with peddling without a license, was fined $10.

Catherine Highlun, charged with larceny from Mrs. Thomas R. Davis, was found guilty and fined $15. She paid.

William Mechure of Chelmsford was fined $100 for illegal keeping of liquor. He appealed and was held in $300 for the superior court.

James R. Adams, William McBride and Robert Latham, composing what is known as the Berwick Social club of Chelmsford, were charged with illegal keeping of liquor. McBride and Latham were found not guilty and were discharged, but Adams was fined $25.

Alidge Ducharme, a juvenile, charged with larceny, was placed on probation.

Frank Thorpe, drunkenness, was continued until January 27th, the defendant being held on his own recognizance.

SQUIRE'S CREDITORS

VOTE TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The creditors of the John P. Squire Co. corporation, at their meeting today, voted to continue the business of the firm under an assignee, subject to the assistance and approval of a committee of three to be appointed by the creditors from their number.

The meeting was called to order by Lawyer Henry L. Chaplin, the assignee. H. O. Curtiss of the Old Boston National Bank was elected chairman, and H. L. Burrage, vice-president of the Eliot National Bank, secretary. Over one hundred creditors were present. Mr. Chaplin addressed them and laid particular stress on the rumor circulated today that some $55,000 of the firm's money was lost by transactions with the Globe National Bank. This was denied. The following were appointed to act as a committee in behalf of the creditors: Messrs. H. G. Curtiss, H. L. Burrage and H. A. Eddy. George Fred Williams was present, representing the creditors of Frank O. Squire and desired information. This was denied him as the meeting had been called especially for the creditors and for no other business.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—The first general order issued by Gen. W. J. Hulings, the recently elected commander-in-chief of the newly formed National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans, was issued today from the headquarters of the adjutant general, W. C. Miller, in this city. After detailing the formation of the organization at Trenton, on December 14, the order provides for naming of state departments and local camps. The order also announces "all soldiers and sailors of the regular and volunteers army and navy and marine corps who served the United States honorably in the war with Spain and in the insurrection in the Philippines, are eligible for membership. Governors and adjutant generals of the various states and territories during the Spanish war may become honorary members upon application or by vote at any annual meeting. Contract surgeons and members of the "Associations of War Nurses" may become auxiliary members.

Master Henry Sullivan of 45 Wainwright street entertained about 35 of his young friends at his home Thursday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday.

Master Henry was assisted in receiving by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan, and Miss Blanche Whitehead and Miss Rena Harrington. The young people enjoyed dancing, games and refreshments and left for him at a late hour in the evening. Miss Emma Lynch and Miss Blanche Sullivan presided at the piano.

THE SALARY LIST

For the City Officials Next Year

AN INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

No Change in the Assessors' Pay

The meeting of the committee on salaries was scheduled to meet last night at 8 o'clock to prepare the salary list of city officials for next year. But it was not until the meeting of the common council adjourned that the members of the committee, Aldermen Dimon and Derby, Councilmen Walker, Markham and Flanders, got together.

The salary list was then discussed and several increases allowed. One of the principal increases was the placing of assistant city clerk upon the regular salary list at $200. The assistant city clerk has held the position for several years and is now getting $150.

Seeing that there has been an increase in the work of the sealer of weights, his salary was advanced $50 a year, making it $550.

There was much criticism against the violation of the fish laws and Alderman Derby said many of them had been overlooked. This controversy resulted in reducing the salary of fish warden from $70 to $50.

When the salary of the principal assessors, $2250, was discussed, Mr. Flanders moved a reduction to $1900. There was some discussion on the question, in which several favored the reduction.

After the work of the reorganized assessors had been talked over at some length, it was voted to recommend the salary as it is at present.

The salary of the chief of the fire department was again established at $1000. Alderman Dimon moved that the salary of the assistant chief be $600, and that he devote all his time to the position. At present the salary is $150 and he is not required to devote all his time to the office.

Alderman Derby amended that the salary be $500. He said that the sum was sufficient for the duties that the assistant would be called upon to perform.

Councilman Markham said that the chief was entitled to a permanent assistant and that nearly all other cities had one.

The amendment was lost. Mr. Derby still protested that $500 was too much, and the matter was further discussed. The motion was finally passed, Mr. Derby in the negative. The office of permanent assistant chief is created by ordinance.

When the proposition to raise the pay of the permanent lieutenant of Hose 7 to $1 a day, 25 cents a day more than he is getting now, there was a lively discussion. In this case, which is an exception, the captain is a call man, and the lieutenant does the work of a permanent captain, who would receive $3 a day. It was argued if the salary of one lieutenant was raised all the other lieutenants could justly ask for a raise also. The engine house, under discussion, costs $600 less than the other houses owing to the fact that the captain is a call man. It was finally decided to increase the pay of the lieutenant in question to $1 a day.

The drivers of three-horse engines wanted $3 instead of $2.75 a day but the request was refused. The call men wanted $25 more a year and Mr. Walker stated their case. They claim that they have the work to do at a fire, that they are docked when absent from their regular work and that they are liable to get caught on Sunday wearing their best clothes.

When the salary of superintendent of the city farm was voted, the same as before, Mr. Dimon asked us to who would receive it next year. Mr. Flanders said that he would have to give up the conundrum.

Mr. Dimon stated that the inspector of wires desired a $500 increase making his salary $1200.

Mr. Derby said that the ordinance required a monthly report, but none had ever been made, although the inspector was a good man. Personally he would not take the position for $500 a year.

Mr. Flanders asked whether the inspector had done any work during the year.

Mr. Derby said that he did not agree with his system for he had a team when he did not believe that he required one, but that he had established a new office, and that there was no criticism to make on his work, so far as he knew.

Mr. Walker said that he would not vote for the increase with an assistant and a horse.

The salary was finally recommended for $750.

A communication was received from the superintendent of state aid asking that his pay be raised from $4.25 to $4 a day and that of his assistant from $10 a week to $520 a year; and that they would be placed on the salary list rather than by the day.

Mr. Derby spoke in favor of the request and moved that the salaries be established at $1200 and $600 respectively, payable weekly. This resolution was so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15 o'clock.

KILLED IN TRENCH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 22.—While digging in a trench on Hooper street, yesterday afternoon, Chiapine Tornizo, was almost instantly killed by the caving in of the sides.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The following pension changes, resulting from the week of December 8, are announced:

Massachusetts:

Original—Henry Jones, Cambridgeport, $5; George P. Merriam, Lynn, $12; Wilbur F. Miller, Ludlow, $8; George E. Taylor, Waltham, $8.

Renewal—George P. Blake (dead), Worcester, $8.

Increase—Morgan W. Stannard, New Boston, $5 to $10; William Gonyea, North Adams, $6 to $8.

Original widows, etc.—Emma J. Bartlett, Duxbury, $8. Special Dec. 11, Mary A. Morse, Lowell, $8.

Original widows—(Special accrued, Dec. 11) Martha Copeland, Taunton, $8; Jane S. Newton, Westboro, $12.

PRIVILEGES ABUSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A departure in the policy of the department of the interior is emphasized by unequivocal refusals which have met all recent requests for loans of Indians for exhibition purposes. Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones have determined to stop the abuses of the privileges and have so stated in a number of communications lately.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday, light winds, generally westerly.

George Francisco is going to close out all his stock of confectionery and fruit, bananas, oranges, nuts and all of his stock at cost prices, as he intends to move December 27. Be sure and call for bargains.

COLORED BISHOP

Refused a Sleeping Berth on Railway

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY AT SAVANNAH

Has a Rule Against Letting Sleepers to Negroes

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—A special from Savannah says:

"Bishop Henry W. Turner of Georgia was refused a berth on a sleeping car today by the officers of the Central railroad in this city.

The bishop, who is ill, having been paralyzed a few days ago, desired to return to Atlanta tomorrow. He asked to secure a berth in a sleeper, but was told that berths were not sold to colored persons.

The sleepers are owned by the Central railroad and the road has an arbitrary rule that no colored persons shall ride in the sleeping cars between Atlanta and Savannah or on any branch of the company.

OLDEST SENATOR

Of Maine on His Death Bed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 22.—Hon James W. Bradbury of this city, the oldest U. S. ex-senator now living and about 98 years of age, who has been indisposed for several weeks, is now dangerously ill and the end is not far off. His recovery is not expected.

A WOMAN MISSING

Came From Westford to do Some Shopping

The local police were engaged last night in trying to learn the whereabouts of one Mrs. Walker of Westford who came to Lowell during the afternoon to do some shopping and failed to return.

The woman is 90 years old and the notice of her disappearance was given to the police by her son who is about 60. According to his story he and his mother drove to the city for the purpose of buying several articles of clothing. They left their horse on Shattuck street and walked down as far as Central street. They finished their errands and were about to go back to where their horse was standing. The son happened to think of a store where he could get a calendar and told his mother to go along towards Shattuck street while he went inside. He was in the store not more than five minutes and went out onto Shattuck street. He was surprised to find that his mother had not reached the carriage and was more surprised when he waited for about an hour without seeing her. At last he was obliged to drive home without her and left word with the police. He was afraid the old lady lost her way in the crowd and instead of going to Shattuck street, had gone in another direction. Notwithstanding her advanced age she is rugged in health. She had been to Lowell many times and under ordinary circumstances could not have become confused. The son said he had relatives in Chelmsford and thought there was a bare possibility that his mother had gone there.

The woman was finally found at the American house where she had gone for the night being unable to locate her son. She is now at the police station and will remain there until some one from Westford arrives to take her back.

ELEVATOR VICTIMS

Albert Van Wagener's Life Crushed Out

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Albert Van Wagener, 65, manager of the Goodyear Fastener Machine company of this city, and living at the corner of Woodland road and Seminary avenue, Auburndale, sustained fatal injuries in an Essex street building as a result of an elevator accident at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He died last night at the Emergency hospital.

Nobody knows how the accident occurred as he was alone at the time and when he was found he was tightly wedged between the freight elevator and the elevator wall in the building at 135 Essex street. He was still alive and conscious.

Before his body could be released the workmen had to chop away the woodwork which had held him in its tight embrace. When he was finally released he was taken to the Emergency hospital, where it was found he had sustained fatal injuries. There was a compound fracture of one of his hips, and the other was badly crushed, besides which he was injured internally.

His family was notified and on their arrival they requested Dr. Galvin to send for Dr. Richardson of the Massachusetts General hospital for a consultation. When he arrived he said that everything had been done that was possible and gave it as his opinion that the injured man could live but a short time.

At 8 o'clock last night Mr. Van Wagener died, his wife and other members of his immediate family being present. The body was given in charge of Undertaker Jones and this morning will be taken to his late home.

STREET INSPECTOR

FOR THE LOWELL & SUBURBAN STREET RAILWAY CO.

The Lowell & Suburban street railway company now has a street inspector. Thomas Kennedy, formerly in the employ of Elias McQuade of Market street and more recently employed in Lawrence, has been appointed to the new position by Manager Woodman of the street railway company, and he began his new duties Wednesday.

SMITH IS DEAD!

"SILVER DOLLAR" PASSED AWAY TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, for many years a prominent East Side politician, died today at his home in this city.

CRAZE FOR GLORY

Of Having His Picture in the Papers

SHOT HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Solely for the Notoriety of the Affair

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John Edgar Gardiner, to get his picture in print, shot his wife and then killed himself yesterday.

Gardiner was 60 years old, his wife 29. They had been married but a short time and were living apart on account of his bad habits. On several occasions he had asked how she would like to see their pictures in a local paper.

He called at the house yesterday and asked her to come out, as he was going west. She declined, and he forced his way into her apartments, saying:

"See what I have brought you," then drew a revolver and shot twice, one bullet passing through her arm, the other entering her side.

The woman was able to get from the house to a neighbor's. When the patrol wagon, loaded with officers, arrived, Gardiner walked to the center of a room, in full view of the officers, and, placing the gun at his head, killed himself.

The authorities trace the double crime solely to the desire of the dead man to perform some deed that would warrant the publication of his picture in the newspapers.

CARGO OF COAL

First to go to Italy From Country

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Orders have been given for the Spanish steamer Onton, now in port, to load coal here for Genoa. She arrived several days ago from Bilboa, Spain, with a cargo of iron ore. As soon as possible, the steamer will be taken to the coal wharves and the amount she will take aboard will be about 3,700 tons. This cargo, it is believed, will be the first to go direct from her to Italy.

The Italian steamer Hercules, which sailed from this port a few weeks ago with a cargo of coal for Gibraltar, for orders, has reached the latter place, and it is reported that she will proceed to Genoa to discharge her cargo.

Philadelphia coal merchants, who ship both from this and Virginia ports have of late been invading ports in Europe which formerly were supplied by Cardiff. So great are the exportations expected to be in the future that the question of building American steamers for its transportation is being discussed in shipping circles. It is now pointed out that these vessels for return cargoes could get iron ore at ports in the Mediterranean from which a tremendous amount is to come next year. Announcement was made yesterday of the chartering of several more steamers to bring ore to this port from Greece.

GENERAL MILES

Talks of Struggle Between the British and Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Major-General Nelson A. Miles, Captain Wheeler, Captain Leevis and Judge Outwaite of the United States ordnance board, who arrived here yesterday to witness a test of the new smokeless powder, today went to Meadeville, Pa., to examine fifty new wire wound guns. Before leaving, General Miles, in expressing his opinion regarding the South African war, said to a reporter:

"The struggle between the British and the Boers is a very serious war. There have been some severe losses, and I believe there will be more serious encounters before it is ended. As to the probable results, I, of course, cannot predict.

"As to the tactics of the contending armies, both seem to be pushing what is termed 'Open order' methods. It is a mistake to compare the tactics of the Boers to those of our Indians. Their tactics are the white man's tactics.

"The outcome, of course, depends on the skill of the commanders, as it does in every war. The Boers have been preparing for it for the last ten years. In view of the circumstances, I do not think their showing so far is in the nature of a surprise."

DUKE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The attack of pneumonia from which the Duke of Westminster has been suffering, has taken a serious turn. The family has been summoned to his residence.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton has return d after four weeks spent at Dunstable.

Office of Superintendent of Public Buildings, and Inspector of Buildings, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 22, 1899.

Notice to Contractors.

Separate sealed proposals will be received at he office of Superintendent of Public Buildings till Thursday, the 28th day of December at 4 o'clock p. m. for the following work:

First. For the plumbing and gas piping of the High school annex.

Second. For the electric wiring of the High School annex situated at the corner of John and Paige streets and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the same by H. P. Graves, architect. Plans and specifications may now be seen at the superintendent's office. A certified check of 5 per cent of the contract price must accompany all bids and a bond of 25 per cent of the contract price will be required of the successful bidders. His Honor, the Mayor, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings reserve the right to reject any and all bids, serve the right to reject any or all proposals.

JOSEPH S. GILLOW,
Supt. Public Buildings.

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JOLLY HOSFORDS

Held a Hot Time in Associate Hall

AT THEIR FIRST CHARACTER PARTY

Biggest Crowd of the Season Attended

Hereafter when the Horsfords run a party it will be necessary to enlarge the hall, for their first humble effort at Associate hall last evening, drew out or rather drew in the largest crowd of the season and was without any doubt the most uproariously funny affairs ever held here. The fun was entitled a poverty and character party, and it smashed all previous records as a fun-maker. There were about 400 couples on the floor, chairs and window sills and in the balcony standing room was at a premium.

Previous to the big show, there was a street parade of the Corntossel band of Fourth of July fame. The parade held up street cars and teams for an immense throng followed it through the streets. The band consisted of an aggregation of farmers, tramps, musicians, bums and a few others, grotesquely attired and playing on every old kind of a musical (?) instrument. The first cornet player rendered the air, while the others filled it with a heart-rending accompaniment. Behind the band was a carriage containing John Sligo, the Fayette street tragedian, and his manager, Michael Finucan, the pride of Kilder street, and that's no "kid." Both were happy smiles and other raiment and the rest of the carriage was taken up by young Jacky Thornton and Hon. John Curry, champion all-round athlete of the Grove. Forninst the band was Tom Fury, the juggler.

JOHN J. DRISCOLL, General Manager.

When the band returned to the hall it found an immense gathering there ahead of it, and when the fun started, those who sought the entry for a smoke had to back out for there wasn't room to turn around. The band was led by a little million of "kids," but the director was George Baxter, who officiated with the dignity and grace of a J. Philip Sousa, the only difference being in the color of their whiskers, for the Sousa of last night appeared to have had his washed. Among the other impresarios were Frank McOsker, Con. Kellher, John Driscoll, Geo. McManus, John McClusky, the Potato brothers, George and Joe Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, not P. J., Alderman Burris, Sam Dingdale, Charles Fleudry, Denny Kelly and Albert Nyce.

The dance began about 8 o'clock with Hibbard's orchestra in the points, smiling Joseph being master of ceremonies. Even the orchestra was uniquely attired in honor of the occasion, Charlie McCarthy looking particularly charming made up as Anna Held. Among the dancers were farmers, cowboys, Indians, there was a lot of them, the real things; actors, principally bum ones; cowboys, cowgirls, actresses, old maids, young ones, and many others beside Mike Finucan and John Sligo. Finucan was attired in the beautiful costume of a courtier of the time of Louise Quartorze or as Finucan picturesquely put it, "one o' thim guys what used to raise Cain over there in France." Sligo wore his usual smile which he stretched a few inches as his friends cheered him. Sligo was made up like a dry goods clerk on holiday.

CHARLES F. McMANUS, Floor Director.

There was fun enough to be had when the dance was on but when the cake walk came at 10 o'clock the waistcoat buttons which the poet Holmes so cleverly described began to burst. Of course the feature of the walk was the contribution of Sligo and Finucan, and two jollier souls never cut up shines at a gathering. Little Johnny Curry, who stands pat at three feet led the walk. He carried a cane that was never built for him and several times he was in danger of giving himself a funny fall. Finucan went on first. His "lady" was John Martin, the well known cake walker in a Mag Splaga make-up. Finucan was simply a dream, a veritable pipe-dream, and his little trick with the handkerchief would have turned even Tom Mchenry green with envy. After Finucan had done his turn, Sligo blew in with Fred O'Brien as his "loidy." While Sligo looked more bewitching than his rival he wasn't half so graceful. Finucan was foxy and wore spiked shoes but Sligo wasn't on and came out in a pair of rudderless canal boats, and had much difficulty in steering himself. Sligo and his partner used a new six-day stride and poor little Curry had to do the "split" to keep within hailing distance of them. The judges were Messrs. Paul Kruger, Joe Chamberlain and William B. Dahmmed and they awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, counterfeit dollar, Michael Finucan; second prize, one pound of Limburger cheese, John Sligo; individual prize, a pair of rubber boots, John Curry. Sligo upon receiving his prize placed it in his pocket and in a very few minutes it became necessary to invite him outside. Finucan was called upon for a speech and he said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, friends and acquaintances: To learn that I am so well known and so popular makes my bosom swell with pride beyond even the limits of my lung protector. I almost think I could be elected to the council if the ladies only voted. Sligo and my self are Altruists. We live to make others happy. Let yez all enjoy yourself. I thank you very kindly for your postologies."

After the walk dancing was enjoyed until 1 o'clock, and the crowd stayed until the finish.

Although the affair was lubricous throughout, there was nothing there that would offend the most fastidious.

The officers of the party were: General manager, John J. Driscoll; assistant general manager, Edward J. Burns; floor director, Charles F. McManus; assistant floor director, William F. Egan; chief aid, Dennis J. Kelley; aids, John F. McNabb, Michael J. Hogan, Timothy E. Flynn, Michael E. Powers, John F. Kelley, Lewis A. Lovering, Frank R. Brown, Chas. Jones, John Collins and Frank Redding; reception committee, William J. Collins, chairman, Michael A. Cliff, Joseph McMahon, Charles Leclaire, Patrick F. Noonan, James A. McCusker, George L. Adams, George Schermerhorn, Thos. E. Bertrain, Timothy Naud, Robert Shepard, Henry McDonald, Napoleon Cook, Frank McOsker, John Gorman, John Mahan, Frederick E. Geltron, treasurer.

DENNIS J. KELLEY, Chief Aid.

The club will hold another party on the last Friday in January.

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MAYOR HART

HAS NAMED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Many men have been named in conection with the position of private secretary to Mayor Hart, among them being Sec. Sands of the republican city committee. It was stated yesterday, however, that the question has been settled by Mr. Hart and that his son-in-law, C. W. Ernst, will be appointed.

Mr. Ernst was secretary to Mayor Hart during his two terms 10 years ago, and when Mr. Hart was postmaster Mr. Ernst was his assistant. While secretary to Mayor Hart, Mr. Ernst devoted much time to the study of municipal problems and the collection of a library of municipal documents and works relating to municipal government, and he is now said to have the finest library of the kind in Boston.

IN COLLISION

STEAMERS COME TOGETHER IN A FOG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Holland-America line steamer Werkendam, which sailed from Amsterdam yesterday for New York, was in collision off Manaisle in the fog with the British steamer Silvio and had five plates on the port side damaged. No damage has been reported to the Silvio.

Second Annual Visit of **Mariani**

Card Reader, Room 47, Bon Marche Building. Ladies, 25 cents.

THE CRAZY EDITOR

(Continued from Page One.)

outrageous manner in which it heaped abuse upon him as a candidate and as a citizen. We acknowledge that we did not conduct any such a dirty mud slinging campaign for the head or any other part of the ticket, for we believe the voters of the city are too intelligent to accept such filth for arguments in a municipal contest. Not only did we support the entire ticket; but we refused to admit to our columns a single line detrimental to any of the democratic candidates. This is more than the venal gang in the News office can say. They opened their columns to the republicans who sent in one communication after another condemning Candidate Barrett. This vile sheet that actually allowed the use of its columns to oppose the re-election of Purchasing Agent Barrett, has the nerve to talk to a consistent democratic paper about cuckoolism. Worse still, the News gave the aldermanic ticket no support whatever, but did what it could personally and otherwise to

SECURE THE DEFEAT

of the democratic aldermanic candidates. The Libby independent movement was hatched up in the News office and the name of the editor of the News was one of the first that appeared on the nomination papers of Oliver A. Libby. Think of it! Just think of the degree of insanity that must have taken possession of the editor of the News, who after signing the nomination papers of Libby with his own name, advocating that gentleman's election in his paper, printing an engraving of him and three columns of the most laudatory matter that could be published for even a straight democrat. Think of this lunatic crying from the house tops that he is running the only democratic paper in the city, and that The Sun which really was the only paper that stood by the entire democratic ticket is a cuckoo. This is not cheek or gall, it is simply insanity. Furthermore, this so called democratic paper was filled with notices prior to election calling upon the democrats to vote for Libby for alderman, when they knew that every such vote meant destruction to the entire aldermanic ticket. In the midst of all this, The Sun was vigorously opposing the election of Libby and advised democrats as it always advised them for their best interests and for the best interests of their party, not to cast a single vote for this cuckoo, Libby.

If any further evidence of the News man's lunacy were needed it was given at the meeting of the candidates at Associate hall, immediately preceding city election when Candidate Barrett took the floor and

DENOUNCED THE NEWS.

for not giving him or any of the aldermanic candidates the support they were entitled to, and even pointed directly at the editor of the News who sat there most unblushingly knowing that he had done his utmost to destroy the ticket and yet this editorial maniac came out in his newspaper the next day with an article stating that Mr. Barrett had denounced The Sun for not supporting the ticket. His meanness as well as his mendacity was shown when Mr. Barrett denied the statement, and the editor of the News refused to print his denial which was then published in The Sun. It is plain that this renegade editor is trying to scream loud enough to turn attention from his own perfidy and thus escape the condemnation of democrats for the duplicity and the persistent cuckoolism of his decaying sheet.

Immediately after election, The Sun learned that the republicans were plotting to go to the legislature with a bill to take the power of appointing a police commissioner from the mayor and transfer it to the governor in order that the republicans might retain control of the police department. No sooner was this legitimate and truthful item of news printed in The Sun than this crazy man announced that The Sun had really started the rumor for the purpose of inducing the republicans to make such a move. As if the republicans needed any such suggestions! The next day, The Sun in an editorial stated in good plain English its opposition to any such scheme on the part of the republicans, and while we had no doubt that Governor Wolcott if he was in office would sign the bill, we depended upon the incoming Governor Crane to refuse to perpetrate any such an outrage on the democrats of the city of Lowell. We denounced the scheme in the plainest and most unqualified terms, and yet this driveling idiot claims to print The Sun editorial, but omitting a most important part of it, and says that by reading between the lines he can see we mean exactly the reverse of what we said. This is the last stage of

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and the poor fellow is undoubtedly a hopeless case. The town is laughing at him and he is making an absolute ass of himself and still more of a laughing stock of the filthy sheet he edits.

The Sun not only supported the entire democratic ticket at the last election, as it has done at every election, but it refused to admit to its columns every communication that would reflect upon any candidate on the ticket from the top to the bottom. We condemned the independent action of Libby as outrageous and likely to destroy the chances of a majority in the aldermanic board, which it did. We refused the use of our columns to the republicans for advertising their campaign or their candidates, and even the Crowley-McEvoy controversy which some papers were mean enough to dish up to the public, was scrupulously excluded from the columns of The Sun. We saw that the incident might be used by the republicans for campaign purposes and we also saw that the controversy might descend into some such a personal quarrel as the Collins-Murphy fight which defeated the democracy in Boston; therefore, we kept the matter out of our columns, while some who pretend to criticize The Sun used it to the injury of the democratic party. There is not a single iota of fact upon which any charge of cuckoolism can be made against The Sun, and every democrat in Lowell knows it. The purpose of the News is quite plain. It has been a renegade sheet for years past and is always for sale and to let to the highest bidder. It has been crooked in every election since it was started, and at this late day it is trying to kick up a dust to cover its past treachery. It will find, however, that it cannot fool the democrats of this city with any cock-and-bull story calculated to put aside its own cuckoolism by crying "cuckoo" at others. The News at one time enjoyed a measure of the confidence and support of the democrats of Lowell; but it sacrificed that confidence and support long ago and it has been slowly starving to death ever since. Every one remembers how it bolted the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president, and refused to support the Chicago platform or any of the nominees of the Chicago convention. This was the beginning of the decline of the Lowell Daily Cuckoo. It followed up this piece of treachery by bolting the nomination of George Fred Williams for governor. Not only did it oppose his nomination, but even after he was nominated in a legal and proper manner, the News reviled him, made fun of him, and did everything in its power

TO DESTROY

the democratic organization in Lowell that was pledged to his support. This is the same sheet that always stood by Chadwick when he was running for city treasurer, and even took up the support of Walter Sawyer when he ran for the same office against straight democratic candidates. The News office has been the home and breeding place of the local cuckoos for years. Every one remembers the cuckoos of the Flats who betrayed the party and who originally brought the present police regime into power that has disintegrated the democracy of Lowell; yet the cuckoos of the Flats were always the canonized saints of the Lowell Daily News. The democrats of Lowell remember when the News sold its columns to Charles D. Palmer; they also remember when it sold its columns to J. W. Bennett and covered its dirty pages with announcements that its readers should vote for Bennett. In the famous deadlock at city hall, the venomous gang in the News office that is now howling "cuckoo" were the backers of "asphaltine" Bob Crowley and his crowd who, in the most treacherous manner, brought about the cuckoolism that resulted in breaking the deadlock and driving the loyal democrats from city hall. The News has always been the special organ of the Crowley-Fifield-Lilley school of nonpartisan democracy, but we confess that we have never been able to see anything in that particular brand of democracy that has been of any use to the rank and file of the democratic party. The Sun has always stood by the common people, the masses of the democracy, and not the bosses, the millionaire office-holders or the mugwump non-partisans who have associated themselves with the party for the purpose of controlling it and turning it over, body and soul, to its enemies. Had the advice of The Sun been followed in the past, the democracy of Lowell would not be in the disorganized condition in which it is today, and has been for over a year. All our predictions on this point

HAVE BEEN FULFILLED,

but we still have faith in the real democracy and we believe that they will yet see their way clear to build up the party on straight democratic lines when the bone and sinew of the party gets rid of the renegades, the cuckoos, and the non-partisans. The Sun was preaching the straight democratic doctrine to the democrats of Lowell before the News was born. It preached the straight democratic doctrine to the same people while the News was betraying them and opposing their candidates and it will be preaching straight democracy to the Lowell democrats when the News is dead, buried and forgotten.

We observe with much regret that the new Sunday paper, the Sunday Telegram, has joined the News in this crusade of personal abuse of the proprietor of The Sun. Whether they are doing so from instigation or through a misunderstanding, we do not know, but there is not a particle of truth, cause or justice to sustain their position. We may say that while we have no controversy with the Sunday Telegram, we are satisfied that it will not find its unreasonable and unjust position in this matter either creditable or profitable. We apologize to our readers for taking up so much of their time on a matter which is so largely personal. We realize that the people of Lowell do not like personal or newspaper quarrels, but we think we owe it to our readers and ourselves to make this explanation and to dispose of this absurd charge as well as to expose the purpose and the treachery of these would-be newspaper critics.

MUSIC HALL

The "High Rollers" played to a full house last night and will appear again tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening. The olio was the cleverest of the season. The specialties were all very funny and the catchy songs and the dances pleased everybody.

A NEW FARCE.

"Dad in Harness" a cleverly constructed new farce comedy will shortly be presented in this city by that versatile author, Kenneth Lee, also the author of several other successes, viz: Weber & Field's "The Glad Hand," Johnstone Bennett's "A Quiet Evening at Home," and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drew's "When Two Hearts are Won," of which the latter had a run of five months at the Tivoli, London, Eng. It is said of the company that is to portray the several characters that everyone is of some known repute. Orla B. Thayer, late of "The Tarrytown Widow" Co., and Beatrice McKenzie late of the "Hotel Topsy-Turvy Co., head the list and others are Florence Elliott late of the "Bride Elect" Co., Kenneth Lee, Lillian Gerome Murlin, Gertrude Chamberlin, Robert Robson, etc. It is said that special attention will be given to the stagecraft and that numerous refined specialties will be introduced by the clever array of comedians. "Dad in Harness" will be presented at Music Hall the first three days next week, commencing Monday, Dec. 25th, matinee will be given Monday, Christmas day.

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SHE SHOT TO KILL

Boston Woman Ejected Shoots a Barber

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A colored barber, Joshua T. Jones, who with a woman giving her name as Lida Jones and claiming to be his wife, has lived in the rear of his shop at 34 Village street, was shot in the breast by the woman yesterday after she had been driven from the house.

The couple had a row in the afternoon, and after a war of words, Lida was ordered out of the house, the order being accompanied by force on the part of Jones. Soon after the woman re-entered the house and securing a revolver, fired from the back yard through a window in the shop just as Jones came into the room. The latter fell to the floor where he was found and taken to the hospital.

NO BERTHS FOR NEGROES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler has signed the bill prohibiting the sleeping car companies operating in the state from furnishing berths to negro passengers except in coaches used especially for the accommodation of negroes. The measure is now a law.

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SHOULD IRELAND STRIKE ENGLAND NOW?

Editor Sun: I think this is the right time for Ireland to strike a blow for her independence as England has about all she can do to attend to the Boers. Why not take the opportunity? There may not be another like it for a century. What do you think of it? IRISHMAN.

If Ireland could strike for freedom, with any show of success, by all means, we would advise her to do so. We have often heard that England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity, but England's difficulty has not embarrassed her sufficiently to cause her to withdraw her forces to any great extent from Ireland. That unhappy country has been under the thumb of England for seven hundred years yet kept up a physical force struggle until her resources were completely exhausted, until the whole country was so overrun with British soldiers and police that it was impossible for any large number of people to hold a meeting without the knowledge of the English authorities. No meetings of a secret nature can be carried on very long without some of England's spies working their way into them, and getting all the information necessary to secure conviction for conspiracy. Hence it is almost impossible for the Irish people to organize in Ireland secretly and without such organization they can accomplish nothing like a successful uprising against the government. The landlords who own practically the entire country are all in sympathy with the government and they keep a watch over their tenants to prevent any movement against the government. On account of their service in this respect they are dubbed the English garrison in Ireland and they are worse than a military body, for they are mostly all magistrates who preside at the lower courts and have thus an opportunity to impose whatever penalties they see fit upon the people who come before them. The population of Ireland has been reduced by English oppression from 8,-500,000 to less than 4,000,000 and these consist mainly of children, their parents and the very aged people, as when the young people reach adult age they emigrate to America or some other country. Thus Ireland's power of resistance is weakened more and more and a rising at the present time would be almost certain to fail, because the people have no arms, no ammunition, no military training, no possible chance of gaining any of these requisites. It is true their kindred in other lands would gladly help them if they could, but they can't send armed men; they can't send arms or ammunition; they can't send anything to help except money, and the very first attempt to use that in aiding a seditious movement would be met with the most determined resistance that England could put forth. If a rebellion broke out in Ireland tomorrow with any promise of success, England would drop the Boer war at once and ship her best soldiers and her most noted butchers to Ireland.

Irishmen both at home and abroad are willing enough to enter into any movement for the liberation of their country but the present is not the opportune moment. They are following the right course in aiding the Boers with men and money because if England is beaten in Africa, it will mark the beginning of her downfall, especially of her colonial system which is so abhorrent to the Boers and to Irishmen. Those who know the oppression that the Irish people have suffered under England will only admire them for helping the Boers, just as Englishmen everywhere are expected to stand for the monther country and her colonial supremacy.

TO PLACATE THE GERMANS.

The action of President McKinley in going out of his way in his message to specially compliment Germany shows the real character of the man.

Mr. McKinley knew that there was widespread hostility among the German-American voters against his policy of imperialism and the avowed friendship of the national administration for England. The hospitality had become so universal as to threaten republican success in states which gave McKinley sweeping majorities in '96 notably Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. McKinley was so alarmed by this revolt within the party that he set diligently to work to ascertain its extent and counteract the hostility.

Although it is a well known fact that the McKinley administration is in full sympathy with England in the war against the Boers and that the colonial policy of England is one of the ambitions of Mark Hanna's dishonesty, the president gushes over Germany in his annual message and descending the plane of the smooth politician, undertakes to use a state paper to placate defection.

Mr. McKinley will find that the German-Americans are unalterably hostile to imperialism, that their sympathies are with the brave Boers, who are struggling to establish an independent republic and that they are not to be caught by the cheap flattery of John Bull's right bower.

The report of a committee to the Building Trades Council of Chicago in December, 1899 shows a disparity between the rise in prices of materials and the advance in wages sufficiently great to take the edge off our "overwhelming prosperity." Among the brushmakers, bristles have advanced 30 to 40 per cent within a year, but the employes have not received an advance since 1893. However, ten hours a week has been added to working time without an increase in wages. Window glass is 55 per cent and plate-glass 120 to 200 per cent in advance of 1897 prices, with an advance in wages of only 12 per cent over 1892. Brick is 75 per cent beyond the prices of a year ago, but the increase in wages is only ½ per cent. Among metal workers there is an increase of from 5 to 7 per cent in wages with profits to manufacturers of 20 per cent. Prices in the terra cotta trade have not changed, but the wages have decreased 37½ per cent. So it goes on with prosperity booming in every direction except among the people who toil.

Gen. Lawton died a soldier's death. He was a brave general and it is to be regretted that he met such a death. Still the generals who set out to shoot the Filipinos must not be surprised if the latter strike back. They are defending their lives and their homes and making a gallant fight for freedom.

It is getting near Christmas and the youngsters expect a visit from Santa Claus. If we had an interview with the old gentleman, we would advise him not to disappoint them. The young men have enough to do to select presents for their sweethearts.

The city of Lawrence is the dullest we know of in regard to newspapers. The bulletins do not attract and even the newsboys are scarcely heard on ordinary occasions.

CRISP GOSSIP

While passing down Market street by the Green school yard the other day I noticed a sight which is worthy of mention. A man who keeps a grocery store in that vicinity had a barrel placed on the sidewalk between the girls' and boys' yard. On the barrel he had a couple of baskets filled with apples, cakes, pickles, candy and other sweetmeats. It was not very long before his supply was exhausted, and he had to replenish it. It is said that he makes considerable money out of this little scheme of his.

The other day a friend of mine received two tickets for a sacred concert to be held on a Sunday night. The next evening he called on his lady friend and invited her to go to the concert. They wended their way toward the hall where the concert was to take place, and to their amazement found the hall in darkness. The young man was sure that he had the right hall, and to verify his belief he produced the tickets. But it seems that the concert was to take place two weeks later. The young man of course made due apologies to the young lady who, of course, said she was willing to wait.

Did it ever occur to you that there is an unusually large number of cripples, blind men and beggars around the streets of our city this month. One can hardly pass a corner without hearing the familiar strains of a hand organ or an accordion. The majority of these people pick out the Hamilton wall on Central street as their stand. A few spare coppers thrown their way will never be missed.

It is hard work for a person to navigate his way up Merrimack or Central streets these evenings without having a collision with someone. From seven until nine o'clock the streets are packed with people who are purchasing Christmas presents.

Last evening a woman with at least ten bundles of every size and description boarded a Merrimack street car. After delaying the car a couple of minutes by getting off and picking up a couple of bundles she had dropped, she started to lay the bundles one by one on the seat beside her. The conductor gave her a look as much as to say "I wonder if you thing this is a freight car?"

A hardware dealer in this city who ordered an extra large order of skates this year, says that if it doesn't get cold very soon he will have to go into insolvency.

Not long ago while in the post office I missed a familiar figure, that of "Rover, the post office dog." Upon inquiring I found out that "Rover" had gone to the "happy hunting grounds," having passed away. "Rover" was owned by Mr. William H. Howard, a clerk in the office, and he felt bad over the loss of his dog. "Rover" was everybody's pet and a great favorite with the boys.

The weather has been so good this month that an aggregation of local "bikers" have decided to run a century on New Year's day. They may have to do it in sleighs though.

The residents of Pawtucketville now have to pay twelve cents for a two-cent stamp. There is no place in that district where they can buy stamps, and when they need one they have to take a car down town. Coburn's store in Pawtucketville was a stamp agency until this year, when a law was passed doing away with these agencies. It is very inconvenient for residents in that section of the city who forget to buy their stamps when they are down town.

An old lady approached an electric car the other day. "Do you go to the First Congregational church?" she inquired of the conductor. "No, lady" he replied," I have to work every sunday, so I don't get a chance."

Rapid progress is being made in the repairing of the old card clothing building, which was damaged by fire a short time ago. At one stage of the fire it looked as if it was "all off" with the old landmark.

The only thing that is worrying the boys and girls is whether there will be any skating or coasting during Christmas week. The chances are very much against them.

The bicycle stores of a few years ago used to keep open during the riding season and close up during the winter. But now they are more up-to-date: they sell wheels in the summer and during the winter when there is a lull in the "bike" business they sell phonographs, skates, gas lights and numerous other things.

DIED IN IRELAND

MOTHER OF MRS. JOHN WARBURTON PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN LIMERICK CITY.

Mrs. Anne Murphy, mother of Mrs. John Warburton and Mrs. Patrick Reardon of this city, died recently at her home in Limerick, Ire. The funeral was a remarkably large one for a woman in private life, and is described in the Munster News and Limerick Advocate under date of December 6, as follows:

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. ANNE MURPHY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Murphy, whose death occurred at her residence, Thomond Row, on Sunday, at the venerable age of 75 years, took place yesterday from St. Munchin's parochial church was the mother of the Very Rev. Mrs. Murphy, who came of an old and much esteemed family, that has given many sons to the service of the Holy church, was the mother of the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, president, St. Munchin's College, secretary to the Lord Bishop; the Rev. John Murphy, O. S. A., and the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C. (deceased). Death has been busy among the family of late. A month has scarcely passed since the daughter of the lamented deceased, Mrs. Johanna Fitzgerald, breathed her last, and some six months prior to that the community at large mourned the loss of her son, the Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C., St. John's Chaplain, St. John's fever hospital. Much sympathy is felt for the surviving relatives at the many bereavements they have been called upon to sustain within a period so comparatively brief. The funeral yesterday was representative of the city, and testified in an eloquent manner the deep respect in which the members of the family are held. Immediately before the funeral solemn requiem mass was celebrated at St. Munchin's church, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Andrew Murphy; deacon, Rev. Father O'Driscoll; sub-deacon, Rev. Father O'Dwyer, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. O'Shea. The chanters were the Rev. John Griffin, C. C.; Rev. M. Murphy, C. C.; Rev. R. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. C.; and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, C. C. The mass was attended by a large section of the citizens and outside public. At the conclusion of the office for the dead, the remains were borne from the catafalque, on which they rested in front of the high altar to the hearse in waiting. The cortege then moved to the place of interment.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev. Andrew Murphy and Rev. John Murphy, O.S.A. (sons), Mr. Patrick Power, Clare Castle, and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, (sons-in-law), Masters Fitzgerald, Riordan and Power (grandsons), Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. James Fitzgerald, Mr. Matthew Hogan, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Mr. P. McInerney, and Mr. J. Lillis.

The clergy included besides those already mentioned: The Lord Bishop Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, who read the burial service; Very Rev. T. Shanahan, P. P., V. G., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm., St. John's Cathedral; Very Rev. Fr. Hannon, O. P., Prior; Rev. Fr. Dublin, O. P.; Very Rev. Fr. Nolan, O. S. A., Prior; Rev. Louis Brophy, O. P., Sub-Prior; Rev. Fr. Dundon, O. S. A.; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Devane, C. C.; Very Rev. Father Maher, S. J., Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S. J.; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. O'Laverty, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Hayes, C. SS. R.; Rev. Fr. Conway, P. P., St. Patrick's; Rev. D. Sonahan, P. P., St. Mary's; Rev. Fr. Cregan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. Hogan, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Leary, C. C.; Rev. Fr. O'Donovan, C. C.; Very Rev. Fr. Boylan, Provincial, C. SS. R.; Rev. J. Begley, C. C.; Rev. Michael O'Donnell, Adm., St. Michaels, Rev. J. Lee, C. C., do; Rev. S. O'Connor, C. C.; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C. C.; Rev. L. Gleeson, P. P. Pariteen; Rev. R. Kirby, P. P. Patrickswell; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C. C.; Rev. A. O'Leary, The College; Rev. D. Keane, do; Rev. T. Hogan, do; Rev. Father Larkin, O. S. F.

The general public included:—Dr. J. O'Shaughnessy, L. L.; Messrs. James Quin, J. P.; John F. Power, Wm. Lloyd, T. M. Bourke, Ralph Nash, solr; J. Hogan (Shaws & Sons), Wm. Ebrill, T. Lillis, P. McInerney (Cannock & Co), James H. Roche, T. F. Macauley, James Wallace, Thomas McSweeney, John Creagh, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Power, C. Devane, T. H. Cleeve, T. C. F. Cleeve, R. Walker, James Delaney, J. H. Forest, George O'Dea, James O'Mara, (McBirney & Co.), James Doyle, solr; M. Lawlor (Todd & Co.), J. Egan, R. Coremin, Stephen Hastings, solr.; Wm. N. Nolan, town clerk; Stephen Tuladdy, P. Riordan, manager gas works; Wm. E. Corbett, C. E.; M. Moylett, J. Hughes, M. O'Conor, John Clune, J. P.; Henry O'Shea, J. J. F. Browne, C. E., and others.

The boys attached to St. Munchin's college formed into procession, and marched after the chief mourners.

PARIS EXPERT

LECTURES ON HOW TO ESCAPE IF BURIED ALIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The danger of being buried alive, according to the facts and statistics presented by Emile Canals, the Parisian expert, who has come to this country to exhibit a device for preventing this horrible accident, has aroused general interest in medical circles.

M. Canals lectured before the Medico-Legal society after their dinner at the St. Andrews' Hotel Wednesday night. The manager of the hotel refused to permit M. Canals to put up his apparatus, which is called "Karnice," and the lecturer was forced to dispense with illustrations from life. M. Canals does not speak English and the lecture was read by his assistant, M. Dorat.

Five persons in every one thousand who are buried as dead revive in their coffins, according to the most trustworthy estimates. Up to the time of the invention of Count Carnicki, no means had been devised as a remedy.

"Karnice," the device, consists of a tube four inches in diameter and six feet long, with a metal box at the top. When in use the lower end of the tube is fitted hermetically into the coffin or box, in which the body has been placed. When the coffin is buried the metal box rests on the surface of the ground.

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At the close of his lecture M. Canals told through his interpreter the sensations which he experienced during a two hours' burial with a "Karnice" attachment to his coffin.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Jean Lamoureux the celebrated musical conductor, died yesterday after a two days' illness.

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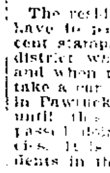

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A FIERCE FIGHT

Spike Sullivan Awarded the Decision Over Flaherty

SULLIVAN'S EAR WAS NEARLY TORN

Fighting Was Fast and Furious From Start

MIKE SEARS WON OVER DAVENPORT

Chas. Goff Defeated Geoffry Thorne of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—About 1000 people witnessed the 20-round contest between Spike Sullivan of Ireland and Martin Flaherty of Lowell at the Manhattan club last evening. Jimmie Colville of Boston was referee. Many sporting men from New York, Boston and other points were present. Sullivan was the favorite in the betting at 100 to 60.

Sullivan entered the ring at 9.50, Flaherty not appearing till 15 minutes later. A heated argument ensued about Sullivan wearing bandages on his hands, but he finally consented to take them off, walking to Flaherty's corner and throwing them at him. Time was called at 10.23.

Flaherty was the aggressor at the start, and had Sullivan on his knees when the gong sounded in the first round. The succeeding rounds were bitterly fought, Sullivan showing worse signs of punishment. His left ear was nearly torn off.

Flaherty was floored in the 20th round and nearly knocked out. Sullivan got the decision.

MIKE SEARS WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 22.—Mike Sears and Jimmy Davenport met in a 15-round bout at the Kirkland A. C. last night, and referee Jack Sheehan declared Sears the winner on points. A good crowd was present, and the boxing was of the spirited kind.

Before the boxers appeared in the ring a delegate from the Salvation Army, which has been decrying the sport, went among the members for contributions to help buy Christmas dinners for the poor people of Lynn. He received a large amount.

There was little difference in the weights of Davenport and Sears, but Davenport was in the better condition. For eight rounds Sears was the aggressor, and he landed fully three blows to Davenport's one. Several times Sears failed to take advantage of good openings, and had he directed more of his blows to Davenport's body instead of the head the bout might not have gone the limit.

Davenport did some clever parrying and dodging, but his blows did not seem to have much steam behind them.

After 10 rounds Sears began to tire, and Davenport landed oftener, but he could not overcome the lead that Sears had gained in the other rounds.

It is a big setback for Davenport to be declared the loser, for had he defeated Sears he was to have been taken to England and matched to box Jabez White at the National A. C.

BOUTS AT BROCKTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22.—At the monthly meeting of the Crescent Athletic club last night about 400 sports, including a carload from Taunton and a large delegation from Boston, saw three rocking good sparring matches. The principal bout of the evening was between Murice Rosenberg of Boston and Billy Berkley of Cambridge. They sparred 12 rounds. During the first six rounds Rosenberg was hard after Berkley's wind and was rather the more aggressive. Berkley countered repeatedly with hard swings at Rosenberg's jaw, but was met with a superb blocking game that was practically invulnerable.

During the last six rounds Rosenberg simply kept out of reach and forced Berkley to do all the leading. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Berkley rather jarred Rosenberg with a number of hot jabs on the jaw and bothered him with repeated assaults on the nose. Berkley's aggressiveness rather winded him and he was pretty tired at the bell of the last round. Rosenberg was not tired at all. The whole match, however, about evened up the men. After the bout it was found that Berkley had dislocated his thumb in the fourth round. Rosenberg's followers made fun for the crowd by trying to get away with the gloves.

The second go of importance was between Spike Haley of Boston and Young Tierney of Holbrook. Haley, who has quite a reputation, found the country boy a tough problem and a good ring general. Tierney had rather the better of the go. It lasted six rounds.

A four-round bout followed between John Murphy of Boston and Jim Marrow, a colored sparrer from Whitman. Early in the first round, Marrow pushed a hot one to Murphy's jaw that laid him low. The round was cut short. In the second round Marrow administered the same medicine and Murphy was forced to quit.

CHARLEY GOFF WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley Goff of California defeated the English middleweight boxer, Geoffrey Thorne, in less than two rounds before the Hercules A. C. in Brooklyn last night. The men met at catch weights, but there was very little difference in their respective wights. Both put up a fast fight from the first clang of the gong, each essaying left leads and right arm crosses. Towards the end of the first round Thorne went down from a right hand cross on the jaw. After three seconds he rose as aggressive as ever, giving Goff several facers before the bell. On the second round Goff went at his man in smash, bang style and with scarcely a committee back forced the pace in hurricane order, finally sending Thorne down and out with a left swinging smash on the jaw. Time of round, 5 seconds.

VETOES BILL

GOV. CANDLER OPPOSED TO QUACKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Gov. Candler, after a conference with many physicians yesterday vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the general assembly providing for the practice in this state of osteopathy, treating of the structural development of the bone. The physicians contended that osteopathists known nothing of materia medica while they would be given the right to prescribe medicine the same as a regular licensed physician, should the bill become operative.

GOLD GOING TO ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's financial expert says he understands that the Bank of England has made advances against £2,000,000 gold to arrive from New York, including Saturday's shipments.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of Lowell Council, Royal Arcanum, last night seven applications were received and six candidates were initiated.

Court Wamesit, F. of A., held its regular meeting last night. One candidate was initiated and two propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing term were elected.

Lowell lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting last night and received two propositions. Six candidates were also initiated. Officers were nominated to be elected at the next meeting.

Bay State Colony, Pilgrim Fathers, held its regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The third degree was conferred on several candidates last night at the regular meeting of Wannalancit Encampment, I. O. O. F. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

One candidate was initiated at the regular meeting of Excelsior lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., last night. Officers were elected for the ensuing term.

James A. Garfield, Woman's Relief Corps, held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

The regular meeting of the Westford Grange was held last evening, routine business being transacted. The usual entertainment followed.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last night and transacted only routine business.

WITH SHAKESPEARE.

Last evening, the members of the Grace Church Literary society enjoyed a delightful time with Shakespeare. The great author's famous character of King Richard the Third was discussed at length and many new characteristics of the man who was born before his time were brought to light. The evening's study was one of the most enjoyable of the season's events thus far.

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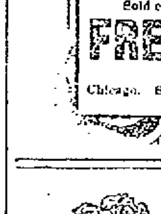

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THE SUN EXTRA!

6 O'CLOCK

MURDER IN NATICK

Miss Morse Shot and Killed Lewis Perry

To Prevent Him Entering Her Home--He Was a Veteran of the Spanish War — The Circumstances of the Tragedy

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NATICK, Mass., Dec. 22.—Lewis Perry, a Spanish war veteran, who came to this city about two years ago and engaged employment with the Dennison Manufacturing company of South Framingham, was shot and almost instantly killed this afternoon by Miss Lizzie Morse at her home in West Natick. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the left breast, which pierced the heart, and the second leaden missile penetrated the stomach. Miss Morse was shortly afterward placed under arrest and claims that the circumstances justified her in shooting down Perry.

Perry was about 33 years of age, and in company with Arnold Stappen, who is about 35 years of age, both of whom are married, left their homes on Speen street with their bicycles about one o'clock this morning. Miss Lizzie Morse, the alleged murderess, and the members of their family claim that Perry and Stappen arrived at their house at about 1.30 o'clock and demanded admittance without stating their business. The Morse homestead is one of the most prominent in this section of the state and contains a large family, all of whom are highly respected by the community. When Perry and Stappen arrived at the house the occupants consisted of Mrs. Willard Morse, about 50 years of age, and Miss Electra Morse, 49; Miss Lizzie Morse, 35; Willard W. Morse, 48, and Rufus D. Morse, 40, children of Mrs. Willard Morse. The two sons have been in poor health and remained on the farm with their mother and sisters to assist them as far as their health would permit. While they were engaged at their labors in the barn, it is claimed, the two men arrived at the house on their wheels and demanded admission to the house, and upon being refused smashed several windows when the women became alarmed and fled to another part of the premises. Miss Lizzie Morse, who is the younger of the daughters, went to the bureau drawer and loaded a 22-calibre revolver. She claims that the men went around to the front of the house, where Perry finished smashing the glass in one of the windows and climbed in in spite of her remonstrance to the contrary. After gaining an entrance he grabbed Miss Electra Morse, who was in the act of protecting herself with a croquet mallet, which was wrenched from her hands and with it Perry hit her over the head. Lizzie rushed to her assistance and informed Perry that she would shoot him if he did not leave the house. He gave her a terrific blow with the mallet and felled her to the floor.

She managed to get up and again told Perry to get out of the house, when he dared her to shoot. She then fired four shots at Perry, who managed to climb through the window and then fell dead. It is further claimed that Stappen, in the meantime had attempted to get into a window, but was prevented by Willard Morse, who had heard the noise. Stappen then threw several stones at the windows, and as Perry fell out through the window, he said to the wounded man: "Let's get out of this." Perry replied, "You can go, but I can't," and then expired. The members of the Morse family claim that Stappen then tried to get into the house, but upon being prevented he mounted his wheel and went to the West Natick engine house and telephoned for the police.

Officers Frank H. Bunker and Herman Gedenoff of the Natick department responded, and Stappen was taken to the Natick lockup by Bunker. Chief Sweeney soon after arrived and placed Miss Lizzie Morse under arrest. She will remain at her house in the custody of an officer until tomorrow morning when the hearing will take place.

Medical Examiner Robbins of Framingham viewed the body and will complete his examination before the hour of the preliminary hearing in the morning. Lizzie Morse is strong in her claim that the circumstances justified her in shooting the man, and in that way was protecting herself and other members of the family. The friends of Perry say that he was a total abstainer and are unable to account for his actions during the afternoon. He came to this town from Roxbury about two years ago and last summer served in Porto Rico, being a member of Company E, Sixth regiment, M. V. M. Of late he had been out of work. He was a member of the West Natick Hose company, which recently erected a new house, and was a member of the committee of arrangements of a Christmas sociable to be held in the new engine house on Saturday evening of this week. The presence of the two men at the Morse building is a mystery to those who are acquainted with them, as it is stoutly claimed that neither of them indulged in liquor.

Miss Lizzie Morse is about 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighs about 160 pounds, and is prepossessing in appearance. The revolver she used had not been discharged for 20 years.

Stappen is an insurance agent, and has resided in Natick about seven years. He has a wife and three small children.

Charles Bowen, a hired man for John Walker, who lives about one-half mile from the Morse place, informed the officers late last night that while out on the road yesterday afternoon in search for evergreens he was met by Perry and Stappen, who dismounted, grabbed him by the throat and demanded his money. He succeeded in locking his escape and arrived at the Morse house shortly after the murder took place.

Stappen maintains that both he and Perry were prefectly sober. Further than this, he is silent.

The police say that 21 panes of glass in the windows were broken by stones and that Perry, in getting through the window into the house, had to crawl over a piano. It is further claimed that Perry attempted the criminal assaults on both women, on the older sister first and then on the woman who finally used the revolver to defend her honor.

Stappen, it is understood, previously said that he did not know what Perry was doing in the house and had not tried to smash any windows.

Stappen is held without bail for a hearing, while Miss Morse is under bonds. She was taken before Judge Mulligan early in the evening but it was thought perfectly safe to allow her to spend the night in her own home.

AN AUTOPSY HELD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NATICK, Mass., Dec. 22.—Medical Examiner Adams, assisted by Doctors Bancroft and Cochrane, conducted an autopsy this forenoon on the body of Louis Perry, the Spanish war veteran, who was shot and killed at the home of Miss Lizzie Morse in West Natick yesterday afternoon. The physicians found that a bullet from a 22-calibre revolver had pierced the heart, causing death. A slanting bullet wound was found in the left side and the marks of a bullet showed in the young man's coat near the right-hand breast pocket. This bullet had not touched flesh. The condition of the stomach indicated that Perry had drunk freely of some alcoholic liquor a short time before death.

Miss Lizzie Morse, one of the prisoners held by the police, who admits that she shot Perry while the latter was attempting to assault her after he had forced an entrance to the house is at home today, having furnished bail to the amount of $2500 for her appearance before Judge Mulligan tomorrow morning. Arnold Stappen, Perry's companion, was still in the lockup at noon today as he had not been able to secure bail. He is held in $2500 and will be given a hearing at the same time that Miss Morse is brought into court.

The residents of Natick attribute the remarkable actions of Perry and Stappen yesterday to their excessive indulgence in liquor. Great sympathy is expressed everywhere for Miss Morse.

FINANCE FIGHT

MONEY KINGS LINED UP IN MONEY FIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—One of the contributing causes of the financial earthquake, which fairly shook the very foundation of Wall street, and made to shake many of the solid institutions last Monday, was an amazing conflict of millions versus millions. With fearless daring two money kings set out to ruin each other, and the battle was finally called a draw when the United States government stepped in and forced a cessation of the ruinous hostilities.

In this battle of the giant millionaires John D. Rockefeller was the winner and Anthony Brady the loser.

The Standard Oil interests were arrayed against Brady and all he represented, which means the Whitney-Elvus-Widener-Ryan syndicate, which has been exercising dominating influences in the world of finance recently.

Monday's crisis failed to bring this great aggregation of wealth to terms, but a fierce raid on Brooklyn Rapid Transit, which sent the stock tumbling until it had lost 17 points, forced concession yesterday, and Brady, down in the mud, asked a compromise, and Rockefeller triumphed.

It was a great victory of this hundred-millionaire, but who suffered? A shrinkage in values of $105,000,000 was the price of the victory. But Rockefeller did not pay it.

Merrimack Clothing Co. is now known as "Fashion Corner," because of the choice selections of furnishings for young men carried there.

CURTIS GUILD

MAKES A BIG HIT IN ST. LOUIS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Gen. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the New England society of St. Louis last night at the Mercantile club, his subject being "Forefathers' Day." The only other set speech of the evening was that delivered by W. B. Homer of St. Louis on "The Persistent Puritan."

A number of impromptu addresses were made and stories of New England life occupied the remainder of the evening. The guests included many of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, with their wives and daughters all being natives of New England.

General Guild's speech attracted considerable attention and his scoring of New Yorkers for their election day lethargy was greeted with an outburst of applause.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

CABLES HIS MOTHER THAT HE IS SAFE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—Lady Randolph Churchill has received a cable dispatch from her son, Winston Churchill, who was captured by the Boers and taken to Pretoria, and whose escape from there was announced December 14th, saying he had arrived safely at Delagoa Bay.

Go to "Fashion Corner" for the kind of Neckwear he would select.

THE GLOBE BANK

Ordered Closed by Comptroller Dawes

IN ORDER TO PROTECT CREDITORS

Directors and Stockholders Will Lose

BOSTON BUSINESS MEN ALARMED

The Despositors and Creditors Will Not Lose Much

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Comptroller Dawes last evening appointed Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing temporary receiver of the Globe National bank of Boston. In connection with his action, the comptroller said: "Some time ago Mr. Wing, who is one of the experts employed in the system of special bank examiners, recently inaugurated, discovered a serious condition of affairs in the Globe National bank, which he immediately brought to the attention of the comptroller and under his direction to the directors of the bank. The directors very laudably agreed and undertook to make good the doubtful and bad assets found and have greatly improved the condition of the bank since that time. They also delivered to the comptroller a written guarantee that they would remove the doubtful assets. Recent failures in Boston have lessened the value of the unperformed portion of the guarantee and involved the solvency of the bank.

In view of the fact that to allow the bank to remain open longer, will result in injustice to unsecured creditors that the condition of insolvency is found to exist, it becomes my duty under the law to appoint a receiver. A considerable cash dividend can be paid to creditors at once.

The condition of the bank was discovered by Special Examiner Wing in time to secure such action on the part of the directors as will probably prevent the failure from inflicting heavy losses upon the depositors, but directors and stockholders will lose heavily."

The bank, it is understood was involved in the Squire failure and in mining stock.

The following is a condensed statement of the condition of the bank as reported to the comptroller December 2, 1899:

Liabilities.

Capital stock	$ 1,000,000
Surplus	120,101
Undivided profits	141,156
Circulation	891,102
Deposits	10,059,067
Bills payable	275,000
Total	10,529,953

Resources.

Loans and discounts	5,573,101
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	1,000,000
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	150,000
Premiums on bonds	131,359
Stocks and certificates	1,062,262
Cash on hand and due from banks	2,533,237
Total	10,529,953

ALARM IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The announcement from Washington received here late today that a receiver had been appointed for the Globe National bank, was received by the few banking people who learned of the comptrollers' decision with surprise but not alarm. Naturally the officers of the institution were dumb as to the outcome of the bank's affairs, while those not connected with the institution express sincere regret that it had not been able to weather the storm.

President H. H. Stevens, who succeeded Mr. Charles Cole some months ago, absolutely refused to say anything regarding the comptroller's action, but his son, who is a clerk in the bank, was completely taken back when the despatch was shown him and intimated that such action from Washington was entirely unlooked for. Young Stevens had been working at the bank until a late hour and was interviewed just as he was entering his father's house where he makes his home. He read the Associated Press dispatch while standing on the door step by the aid of a street lamp, and seemed almost aghast when he fully comprehended its meaning. He at once carried it to his father, who was then in bed but after a few minutes he returned with the word that the father absolutely refused to say anything regarding it.

Young Stevens also denied an interview although he admitted that he had been working very late on the books.

Receiver Wing at a late hour could not be located at any of the large hotels in the city.

On Monday came the failure of the brokerage firm that financed the mining company, but as no other firm followed, and as the Globe bank gave no intimation of succumbing through the continued fall in copper stocks, confidence in the local situation seemed to be in a fair way of being restored. Even after the slump in the New York market on Tuesday and the failure of banks there brought no material reverse in this city and this was regarded almost as an additional guarantee that the crisis here had passed. Whether the old wound will be opened again tomorrow remains to be seen, but it is known that every effort will be made on the part of the strong financial institutions to avert a panic. Upon their success depends the status of many brokerage houses which have been carrying over Christmas, heavy blocks of copper stocks. A few of these houses have already attempted to protect themselves and attachments have been cited against the promoters of the United States mining company, Chas. H. Cole, late president of the Globe bank; William H. Coolidge and Edward H. Clark.

The action of the comptroller in waiting a reasonable time for the guaranty to be made good regarding the bad assets of the bank, is generally acknowledged to have been very generous on his part, and intimated a desire to assist as much as possible, and it is generally agreed that if the bank had been closed last week, that a severe panic would have ensued, which would have undoubtedly carried down other stocks and wrecked many strong institutions.

It is therefore hoped that his action, coming at the end of the decline and after confidence had been much strengthened and restored, will have no materially bad result, and that in the end the financial institutions of the city will be better off with the removal of the incubus which has hung upon them for some months.

NERVOUS FEELING

EVIDENT IN BOSTON FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—There was a nervous feeling apparent in financial quarters before the opening of business this morning, but the leading men on State street were hopeful that no further serious disaster would occur here. Many brokers were timid as the result of the closing of the Globe National Bank by the comptroller of the currency, following the failure of the Broadway National Bank, the Squires concern and others within the past week.

The Globe bank did not open its doors this mornin. The institution is on State street and was one of those concerns which did an immense business with operators in the Boston stock exchange. It was unwise speculation on the part of the former president of the bank that contributed greatly to the embarrassment. Recent failures here and heavy withdrawals of late hastened the final collapse.

Some of the authorities on financial affairs expressed the opinion at an early hour this morning that the closing of the Globe National, while it was to aggravate a situation already complicated, would not have the serious effect that would have resulted had the institution been closed last week.

News of the closing of the bank by order of Comptroller Dawes surprised the heads of many business and financial houses in this city, this morning, as the announcement of the action was not made until late last night. Some of the older financiers, however, said the step was not wholly unexpected. It was pointed out by these men that the action of the Boston clearing house in placing certificates within reach of the banks in case of emergency, was intended to provide for just such emergencies.

The Globe bank employes were all at their desks this morning, but on the door was a notice:

"Bank closed. In the hands of the comptroller of the currency.

DANIEL G. WING,
Temporary Receiver.

The stock market was expected to feel the disturbed conditions most keenly and many consultations were held and some active work was done in copper circles before the exchange opened.

Receiver Wing and President H. H. Stevens of the Globe bank declined to say anything about the situation this morning, but remarked that most likely they would have a statement to make later. There was no unusual scene around the bank, although a number of out of town customers, who came to draw money for Christmas were considerably upset by the information that the bank was closed. One man in particular, while not creating a scene, said in his excitement, "They have ruined me. I will come again and pump lead into some of those fellows." He went away with tears in his eyes.

The following statement was made by the National Shawmut Bank early today:

"That there may be as little inconvenience as possible to the depositors of the Globe National Bank and others, the National Shawmut Bank offers to advance today to all depositors in the Globe bank against their deposits 50 per cent. of the net amount of the same."

WOMEN TO BLAME

CHIVALRIC DEFENCE OF JOSEPH A. HOUGH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22—Joseph Alonzo Hough told on the witness stand yesterday the most remarkable story ever heard in Middlesex county. He declared that May Smith pursued him with her attentions; that she was bold and forward, and that she sent him out that Sunday night last July to scare Harry Chadwick and so precipated the struggle which ended in the young man's death.

Hough looked smaller and sicklier than ever when he slowly climbed into the witness chair. His voice was strong and clear. He said he was born in Southington, Conn., 31 years ago, spent nine months in the state reform school and that he has supported himself since he was 18 years old. He went from Middletown to Chester one year ago.

HACKETT CASE

DOVER WOMAN IN COURT ON A PECULIAR CHARGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 22.—The continued case against Mrs. Mary Remick Hackett, charged with being an accomplice in the burglary of her husband's residence on the Back River road on the night of July 12, 1899, was heard yesterday before Judge Frost of the police court and resulted in Mrs. Hackett being held for the February grand jury in $1000 bonds.

In consequence of the sensational developments in the case during the week the court room was packed with spectators. County Solicitor W. W. Scott conducted the prosecution and ex-County Solicitor John Kivel was counsel for the respondent.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given £20,000 to provide swimming baths and a gymnasium for Dunfermline. In a letter he says:

"This will reach you in time to be a Christmas gift to the town from its loyal son."

DOG SHOW CLASSES

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Delegates to the American Kennel club assembled here yesterday to attend the last quarterly meeting of the year. The session was chiefly occupied unravelling two knotty problems, in which black and tan terriers, the Gem Kennels of Dayton, O., and W. Rontley of Providence, R. I., were the star performers. Rontley of Providence and the Gem Kennels are rival exhibitors in the black and tan classes.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

By Associated Press to The Sun

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—William Murtag, 42 years old, senior member of the firm of Kimball Brothers & Co., tobacco manufacturers at 48 Franklin street, New York city, committed suicide today by shooting. He is said to have lost considerable money in Wall street recently.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

Paine's Celery Compound - - 64c
Vinol - - - - - - - - - - - 73c
1 Doz. Full Weight Rochelle Powders 17c
CARTER & SHERBURN'S
Low Priced Drug Store, Cor. Merrimack and Bridge Sts.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

A Lowell Man Run Over in Lawrence

BOTH LEGS WERE CUT OFF

He Died Two Hours Later at Hospital

It was Edward J. McArdell, aged 28 years, and not Charles, as stated yesterday in The Sun, who was killed at Lawrence. His home was at 50 West street, Centralville, but he spent most of his time out of town. He was run over by a freight train in Lawrence yesterday and received injuries from which he died at a hospital in that city a few hours later.

It appears that McArdell was walking on the tracks of the Manchester and Lawrence railroad near the Lowell street bridge. He soon discovered that a freight train was bearing down upon him, and immediately started to cross over to another track. In so doing he caught his right foot in a frog. The engineer of the freight saw the unfortunate man's predicament and quickly reversed his lever, but with the momentum of his train pushing on and the distance so short he was powerless to stop in time to save the man's life. The locomotive and several cars passed over him.

The train had hardly stopped when several of the train hands and switch tenders had rushed to his assistance. His right leg was cut off above the ankle, and the rest of the leg as far as the thigh, was fearfully mangled, while his left leg was crushed between the foot and the knee. One of the train hands hastened to the Boston & Maine freight house and telephoned for the police ambulance, and the injured man was removed as quickly as possible to the city hospital, where it was stated that the wounds were so serious that no operation would avail to save the man's life. The shock was so severe that the patient was unconscious most of the time before his death. During one of his conscious moments, he was asked if he had a wife, he nodded his head affirmatively.

The accident happened about 12 o'clock at noon, and death came at 2.15. McArdell was married and besides a wife, leaves a father and mother, one brother, John H., a clerk at 60 Merrimack street, and three sisters, Mrs. James McMahon, Misses Helen and Veronica. The body was brought to Lowell this morning by Undertaker O'Donnell.

LOVING CUP

PRESENTED TO THE COLUMBIA'S CAPTAIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 22.—A pleasing incident in connection with the recent victories of the yacht Columbia over the Shamrock in the international races, was the presentation of a handsome silver loving cup to Captain Nat Herreshoff by the employes of his ship building works here. Mr. Herreshoff was called to the works and there found all his employes assembled. Foreman Albert Almy of the carpenters, made the presentation speech to which Mr. Herreshoff responded. The loving cup is of a simple, plain design, with three handles and rests upon an ebony standard. Upon it are engraved the names of eleven sailing vessels which have been built at the Herreshoff yard, beginning with the Function in 1881 and ending with the Columbia in 1899. The names of 10 steam vessels are also given, commencing with the Ammonoo in 1870, and ending with the torpedo boat Morris in 1897.

STEAMBOAT SANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22.—The steam ferry boat F. C. Fowler running between East Haddam and Tylerville, sank at her dock on the East Haddam side during the night and now lies nearly totally submerged. It is thought that she was either run into by some other boat or that she sprung a leak. The boat was owned by W. H. Goodspeed and was valued at $8,000.

ALL AT WORK

STRIKE OF THE MINERS PRACTICALLY ENDED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—For the first time since the 8th of August, when the Nanticoke strike started, all the mines of the Susquehanna Coal company at Nanticoke and Glen Lyon, are in operation today. The No. 6, at Glen Lyon started last week and there was work at No. 7 for a couple of days, but No. 5 was not started until today. There are now about 1,000 men working and there is room for more at Glen Lyon colliery.

ON SANDY REEF

A SHIPWRECKED SCHOONER MAROONED NEAR NEW YORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Marooned on a small sandy reef that threatened to disappear into the ocean depths, their store of food and water daily decreasing with no chance to replenish them, 200 miles from the nearest mainland and out of the track of vessels, Seaman Frank White and three of his mates of the shipwrecked schooner, Annie R. Kemp of Baltimore fought fate for 25 days ere rescue came.

The wreck of the Kemp lies off the Serina bank in the Carribean sea. Captain Vaux and three of the crew arrived here yesterday on the steamship Advance from Colon. Seaman White then told the story of the hardship endured.

TRADING ACTIVE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Trading on the Boston Stock Exchange opened active today and transactions in copper shares and sugar were very active, but during the first quarter hour there was no great excitement on the floor. The large brokerage interests were determined to prevent the wholesale throwing over of stocks at the opening, and success attended their efforts, although sugar, oil and copper slumped at times. The general tone of the market was weak. The spectators' gallery was crowded and groups stood talking over the situation in the corridors. Montana dropped 5, but recovered ly almost immediately. United States Oil dropped 2½, but rallied quickly. The market showed good support.

CONG. BOUTELLE

TAKEN ILL IN BOSTON YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Congressman C. A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., chairman of the national committee on naval affairs, who is at Young's hotel in this city, was taken ill there yesterday afternoon and was carried to his room unconscious.

The congressman was in the ladies' waiting room on the second floor, about 2.30 o'clock, when he was seized. The doctors considered the case serious, though not immediate critical.

Mr. Boutelle has not been in the best of health for some time.

At a late hour it was said that the congressman was suffering from congestion of the brain, induced by a severe attack of indigestion. It was the opinion of the physicians that the malady was only temporary.

ONE MAN KILLED

Terrible Wreck on Jersey Central Road

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A wreck on the New Jersey Central railroad at High Bridge late last night resulted in one death and five persons were injured. Christopher Hulshier, a grocer, was killed and Peter Eick, Miss Ella Maxwell and Baggagemaster Frank Grant were among the injured. A local train was descending a steep grade when the engineer noticed a signal from a milk train which was at the station. The engineer of the coal train applied the air brakes, and detached his engine from the train and approached the milk train to find the cause of the delay and receive orders. The coal cars were not held by the air brakes and came rushing down the grade, striking the engine, pushing it into the combination car on the rear of the milk train. None of the injured men were seriously hurt.

Merrimack Clothing Co. is now known as "Fashion Corner" because of the choice selections of furnishings for young men carried there.

FILES A THREAT

Boston and Maine Talks of Leasing East Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Messrs. Wiggin, French and Bishop, the commissioners who have been appointed to consider the subject of the steam railroad crossings in East Boston, held their first hearing yesterday morning. Corporation Counsel Bailey appeared for the city, Mr. W. H. Coolidge for the Boston and Maine railroad, Mr. Samuel Hoar and Mr. Woodward Hudson for the Boston and Albany railroad, Mr. J. B. Warner for the National Dock and Warehouse company and the McQuesten Lumber company and W. H. Leach for P. S. Huckins & Co.

The meeting was preliminary in its character. Little was done except to settle upon the course of procedure in the hearings which are to be held, the question being whether the city or the railroads should proceed.

Mr. Bailey submitted that unless it was admitted that there is a necessity for a change, which he did not understand there was, the first question for the commissioners to determine was whether the crossings shall be abolished or whether the use of them shall be changed or regulated and he called upon the representatives of the railroads to state what position they proposed to take in the matter.

Mr. Coolidge said that the first thing for the commission to do was to determine whether anything should be done and it was for the petitioners to put in evidence showing the necessity of doing anything.

Mr. Bailey maintained that the legislature, after deliberating upon the question for five or six years had determined that one or two things must be done, either the crossings abolished or their use changed and regulated.

Mr. Warner said that his client, the National dock and warehouse company owns about 15 acres of land near the terminal of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Mr. Coolidge said he thought it would be possible for the Boston & Maine railroad to accept some regulations in regard to the operation of the crossings which might remedy some of the existing trouble and while he did not feel bound to do so, he would be willing to make some suggestions at the next hearing.

The hearing was then adjourned to Friday, Dec. 29, the chairman stating that it would then be Mr. Bailey's duty to go ahead and show necessity on the question of whether anything or nothing shall be done.

Go to "Fashion Corner" for the kind of Neckwear he would select.

NEW THEATRE

WILL BE BUILT IN BOSTON IN NEAR FUTURE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The report that there was to be a new theater and music hall in Boston and that the site was near the corner of Washington and Boylston street is a little premature, judging from what interested parties report.

From one who has considerable to say about the proposed theatre, the writer was informed that the new house would not be on Washington or Boylston streets but that the site, if it could be secured, would be on the corner of Tremont street and Van Rensselair place, which property is taxed to William A. Hayes, trustee.

It has been known for a long time that negotiations were going on between a prominent Boston business man for the purchase of this property but no agreement could be reached.

The sudden ending of the Columbia theater deal with Mr. George W. Lederer of New York has resulted in negotiations being reopened between the owners of the Tremont street lot and a well known syndicate of Boston and out-of-town men one of the prime movers it is said, being Hon. Frank Jones of Portsmouth.

It is learned that the intention of the syndicate is to erect an entirely new structure on this site if terms can be agreed upon, but at present nothing has been settled.

CHILD KIDNAPPED

From Her Grandmother In Lawrence

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 22.—Nellie Jordoff, a seven-year-old child, was kidnapped on Tenney street in the Arlington district at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The police went to work on the case and upon investigation found that the child's mother, who left the little one six years ago in charge of Mrs. Jordoff, its grandmother, was the one who secured possession of the child. The mother, who is now Mrs. Lambert, secured a divorce from the child's father, Smith Middleton, six years ago. Nellie was given into the care of her grandmother, who supposed the child was legally in her keeping, as the mother left the city and was not heard from. She came here two weeks ago but made no effort to take the child. Yesterday she came again, accompanied by a deputy sheriff and forcibly carried the child away to Pawtucket. The grandmother is distracted at the loss of the little one, whom she had come to regard as her own, but the police say nothing can be done in the matter.

It is easier to say "Fashion Corner" than Merrimack Clothing Co., and the title fits.

CHRISTMAS FOOD

Prevailing Price of Dinner Essentials

The market prices for table supplies to enjoy a good Christmas dinner was never more favorable than they are at the present year. Here are some of the prices quoted at Pike's markets which show that he has a larger display than ever at his mammoth markets on Prescott and Middlesex street. There you can procure turkeys from 19 to 16c. a lb., ducks from 10 to 15c, roast pork 8½c, steaks sliced from 15 to 22c, rump or sirloin, lamb chops from 10 to 18c, pork chops from 10 to 12c, sliced ham from 10 to 18c, bacon 12c, hogshead cheese 10c, or three lbs. for 25c, feet cheese 10c or 3 lbs. for 25c, sausages 10c, corned 7c, halibut 17c, mackerel 13c, smelts 10c, cod 5c, lake trout 10c, herrings 15c a dozen, prunes from 6 to 10c a lb., [illegible] raisins 10 to 20c, nuts 13c a lb., mixed, 3 lbs for 25c, eggs 15c and upwards, butter from 20 to 30c a lb., cheese from 12 to 18c, onions, 20c. a peck, cranberries 5 cents a quart, lettuce 8c. a bunch, celery, 10c. a lb., squash, 1c. a lb.

Kilpatrick's fruit store at 6 Merrimack Square has a large supply of fruits, nuts, other goods things we might suggest for Christmas. Oranges are from 25, 30, 33 to 60c. a dozen. Mixed nuts, 2 lbs. for 25c, bananas from 15 to 20c. a dozen, apples from 15 to 20c a dozen, Malaga grapes from 15 to 20c. a lb., basket grapes 20c, candy from 10c to 40c a lb., evergreen for decorating, 9c. a yard, holly 15c. two bunches for 25c. Christmas trees from 25c. to $1, pineapple 50c a piece, dates 10c. a lb.

BAD MONEY OUT

Counterfeit Bills Being Passed in Lawrence

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 22.—Lowell merchants should keep an eye open for a stranger who is in town or who was here Wednesday with counterfeit money.

Two or three complaints have already been entered at the police station.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a man went into the store of William Rothwell, corner of Broadway and Daisy street, and finding a girl in charge, he asked her if she would change a five dollar bill for him. She produced the change and he gave her the bill. He left immediately. Soon after he was gone, it was discovered at the store that the bill received from the man was counterfeit. On one side the bill represented $5 and on the other side $1.

Mr. Rothwell's daughter, who took the bill, is only 13 years old and it is thought that the crook plays his game at only such stores as are in charge of young persons. It is understood that the man swindled another storekeeper not far from Mr. Rothwell's place.

The police are looking around and are in hopes to locate the fellow. He is described as being about 25 years old, tall and slim, slight growth of moustache and beard, wore long dark overcoat and dark hat. Is a good appearing fellow.

Thursday it was learned that he passed one of his counterfeit $5 bills at J. B. Howarth's store on Broadway.

SMALL FIRE

IN MARION'S STUDIO THIS AFTERNOON.

A small fire was discovered in Marion's photographic studio in Barrister's hall about 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, but no alarm was sounded. A retouching stand caught fire, but was quickly extinguished and the only damage done was to the stand.

You will be as readily understood by saying "Fashion Corner" as Merrimack Clothing Co.

Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Leather Novelties, etc. Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

ENOCH PERKINS & SON'S

E. P. S. CIGARS.

Smokers will find them A1 quality.
JOHN F. BUCKLEY, City Salesman, with Bartlett & Buckley.

We Have Saved Thousands of Dollars

for the people of the city and suburbs and we have made money ourselves. The way that we save the money for our customers is that we clean, dye, and press ladies' and gents. clothing, also ribbons and feathers, gloves and almost all kinds of fabrics and make them almost as good as new at a very small cost at the

BAY STATE
Dye Works
54 Prescott Street.
Tel. 23-6.

DR DONEHUE DENTIST RUNELS BLDG

Artificial Teeth.

If nature did not provide you with good teeth, then have a set made. Dr. Simmons will make you a set of the best for $8. If you have a set you are not pleased with, you can have them put on a new plate for $5.00. Dr. E. H. Simmons, 213 Central street.

This is the Season for Ball Parties and Weddings

And of course it is quite necessary to have a supply of sweet bread for these occasion, and Peter Watson's, the king baker of the city, is the place to get your Bakery Supplies. There is none better in the city than you can get at

PETER WATSON'S Home Made Bakeries
52 to 60 Charles St.,
46 Lawrence St.

POLICE PENSIONS

Mayor Crowley Approved the Order Yesterday

THE LOCAL ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

In a Dilemma About Contradictory Orders

Mayor Crowley yesterday placed his signature to the police pension order and Chap. 378 of the acts of 1892, is adopted and is operative whenever the police board chooses to take advantage of it.

Mayor Crowley has signed the order for the removal of electric light and telephone poles on Andover street and placing the wires underground.

The Lowell Electric Light company authorizes the statement that it will cheerfully and promptly comply with whatever orders are given it by the city.

There is an ordinance, however, which provides that no street after being macadamized shall be torn up within five years. Andover street has been macadamized recently and therefore, cannot be dipped up for five years. Thus the Electric Light company appears to be in the position of Chimmie Fadden when he said: "Wot Tell?"

PRESENTED A WATCH.

The members of the local councils of the United States Indemnity Order last evening presented R. E. Magee, state lecturer and local organizer with a beautiful full jeweled gold watch. A good social time followed the presentation.

American pocket cutlery is the finest in the world. Just the present for ladies' and gentlemen. W. T. S. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack St.

D. L. MOODY DEAD

The Great Evangelist Has Passed Away

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, died at his home here at noon today.

A BOY ARRESTED

Alleged to Have Snatched a Pocketbook

A boy giving his name as Lindsey Bennett was arrested on Central street early last evening by Matt McCann of the liquor squad after a lively chase. It is alleged that Bennett, who is only a juvenile, snatched a pocketbook from a small girl in Merrimack square and then tried to escape. Officer McCann, who was in citizen's clothes spied him and gave chase and the boy was quickly overtaken.

Officer Frank Fox arrested a Pole giving his name as Maurice Goodman in Pawtucketville yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock for peddling without a license. He was peddling Howard at various houses in Pawtucketville.

CONSUL HAY BUSY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, formally received at the United States embassy today a number of relatives of British officers who come to make special requests regarding the prisoners at the Transvaal capital.

An Oil Heater makes a nice gift. Just the thing for a cold room, a bath room. Perfectly safe. W. T. S. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack St. The uptown hardware store.

THE Amateur BLUE PRINTER.

Great Fun for the Little Folks.

An Amusing and Interesting Toy

25c Each.

C. B. COBURN & CO., 63 Market Street.

AN ARRAY —OF— FOOTWEAR

Selected by us for their high merit of workmanship, their rare quality of service and their very moderate price.

WITH THIS COMBINATION

$1.00 will bring to the buyer, slippers or shoes that are bound to please.

J. J. LONERGAN, 215 DUTTON ST.

FOUND— Young half-breed hound. Owner can have by proving property and paying charges at 12 Warnock street.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

How the Local Company Has Grown

When the management of the Lowell Electric light corporation changed last February it passed into the hands of men whose sole business is the management of electric light and street railway properties. These men are managing properties of this class all over the United States, extending as far south as Tampa and as far west as Seattle. The securities and stock of the corporation are owned by the most substantial business men of this commonwealth, and who invest their money in properties of this character, not with an eye of speculation, but to obtain a good solid investment. They realize that to make this investment secure the property must be improved and kept in first class shape, the service bettered and the rates for current made as low as circumstances will allow, in order to induce a large use of their product.

It is not strange then that as soon as these men secured the stock of this corporation that their first act was to pass the April dividend, which had been paid regularly for the past several years, and apply money to improving the property. A large proportion of this money was put in circulation in this city by the employment of extra men to work on the lines and in the plant of the company. These improvements have been going on during the summer and fall, resulting in a great improvement in the service. The demand for electric light during this fall has been greater than ever before in the history of the company, and at no time has the company's construction department been able to keep up with its work in connecting in new customers. The demand on the manufacturers of electrical apparatus by the Lowell Co. for new lamps has been so great that it has been impossible for the manufacturers to fill orders promptly and the result has been that considerable delay has been caused to new customers in getting their lights installed as promptly as they wished.

A thorough reorganization of the operating force of the company was the first move of the new management. This has taken time and patience, but the results have justified it. In all cases preference was given to Lowell men, and in two cases the company sent men to the factory at its own expense to enable them to acquire knowledge so they could assume charge of some department. The heads of all the departments are Lowell men who are well known to the public, the last new one employed being the cashier, Mr. A. A. Wright, formerly of the First National bank.

Moving the office to its new location at the corner of Bridge and Paige streets, where customers could find it and where it would be more convenient to attend to trouble calls, was another move toward improvement.

Since last April the company have had inspectors on duty day and night at the office, so that any trouble could be immediately attended to. These men have been put in uniform and are familiar to the citizens of Lowell, with their caps, blue suits and brass buttons.

Probably the most decided improvement in the service has been the question of incandescent lamps. The company's rate was originally ten (10) cents per Kilo Watt, and the customer bought his own lamps. This resulted in the use of all kinds and makes of incandescent lamps, nine-tenths of which were a cheap lamp that gave insufficient light and took an excessive amount of current. Beginning with last June the company changed the rate from 10 cents to 11 cents per Kilo Watt and furnished all incandescent lamps free to its customers. They made a contract with the largest manufacturers of incandescent lamps in the country, who undoubtedly make the best lamp on the market. These lamps are now being furnished by the company free of expense to the consumer in place of all lamps that burn out and also in place of lamps that become black. By this method customers' lamps are always kept clean and bright.

Private telephone lines were run between the office, plant, repair shop, stock room and the foreman's house, to facilitate the operation of the station.

The plant and repair shop have been thoroughly overhauled and the lines rebuilt where needed.

The introduction of the incandescent arc lamp has furnished to the stores of Lowell the best and cheapest light of modern times. The company had already installed 200 of these lamps this fall and the demand has been so great that they have found it impossible to get the lamps fast enough from the manufacturers. These lamps are used on the meter basis, the customer paying for what he uses, the company doing all wiring and installing them free of expense on a year's contract. These lamps furnish to a customer a candle power of light for a less amount of money than any other known illuminant in the world.

The last improvement made by the company has been the putting on of two night inspectors, who patrol the streets all night to watch the city arc lamps and keep the same constantly going. These men each have a horse and wagon and carry extra lamps, globes, etc., so they can readily replace defective lamps with new ones. This was done voluntarily by the company at great expense without any request or solicitation on the part of the city authorities, and demonstrates more than anything else the methods pursued by this company to constantly better its service.

A reference to the report of the Gas & Electric light commissioners for the year 1898 will show a comparison of rates for incandescent lights between Lowell and other cities in Massachusetts. This scale will show that the subscribers of Lowell are receiving electric light for less money than in any other city in the state.

THE VALUE OF INTUITION.

Christmas gift buying is liable to tax the judgment of the ablest mind. Men sometimes make a successful hit at the business, but as a rule, their efforts are a dismal failure—it is the realm of women. Their delicate sense of intuition makes them adepts at the business.

Their skill is clearly shown in selecting men's furnishings, notably neckwear. Some are posted on where to find the kinds that fill their imagination, others who are not but are guided by the intuitive taste—you can follow them from store to store, watch them endure vexatious delays, elbow their way through crowds of shoppers, until they land on the selections that suit. The writer saw such an example this week and the fair purchaser calmly turned down the neckwear shown her until she came to what is now known as Eaglidon Corner, opposite city hall. By this time, the writer became interested in her judgment and awaited results. Well, figuratively speaking, after she once started she sailed in first on neckwear, then gloves, on mufflers, handkerchiefs, suspenders, dress shields, umbrellas and finally she went over to where the dress suit cases were and I gave up the pursuit.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

AT THE CENTRAL STREET STORE,

Cook Taylor & Co.

Only two days in which to complete your Purchases. Now is all Hurry, Hurry, Bustle, Bustle, rush, rush.

THREE FLOORS FULL OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.

FIRST FLOOR

Here you will find everything in useful articles as well as ornamental, suitable for anybody and everybody, young and old, men, women or children.

An endless variety of Handkerchiefs for the ladies, gents and children.

Silk Mufflers and Kid Gloves for ladies, gents and children.

Mittens in kid and woolen.

Bureau Scarfs in Cut Work.

Full line of Ladies' Neckwear in stocks and jabots.

The largest stock of Aprons to select from in Lowell. You know our reputation in these goods in former seasons. The variety is larger than ever this season.

THREE FLOORS FULL OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.

FIRST FLOOR

Men's and Boys' Suspenders.

Men's and Boys' Neckwear.

Alligator Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Seal Bags, Pocketbooks, Pine Stone Pompadour Combs, Empress Combs, Side Combs, Fancy Hat Pins, Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Buttons, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors Ladies' Aluminum Companion will not tarnish, Fancy Box Perfume, Sachet Powder, Soap, William H. Brown's fine Perfumes, Tooth Powder, Gents' Sleeve Elastics.

THREE FLOORS FULL USEFUL CHRISTMAS GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.

FIRST FLOOR

Ladies' Hose Supporters, Gents' Hose Supporters.

Hat Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Toilet Soap.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Linen Sets, Covers, etc.

Black and Colored Dress Goods, Black Silks.

Fancy Hosiery and Hosiery of all kinds for men, women and children.

Large line of Lambrequins.

WE DEVOTE LARGE SPACE

For the sale of Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, in celluloid and ebony, Gents' Collar and Cuff Boxes, Medallions, Handy Writing Desks, Hand Painted Plaques with easel, Military Brushes in ebony box, Photo Holders, Gloves, Boxes, Jewel Cases, Water Bottles, Cracker Jars, Atomizers, Vinaigrettes, Puff Boxes, Perfumery in fancy boxes, Cups and Saucers, Silver Mugs for children, Cut Glass Cracker Jars with silver tops, Pin Trays, Bon-Bon Dishes, Bon-Bon Spoons, Cut Glass Flower Holders, Match Holders, Tobacco Jars and Boxes. With every pair of Gloves costing $1.00 or more, we give a handsome Glove Box free.

SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

BASEMENT DEPT.—Blankets, Bed Spreads, Comforters, Rugs.

CLOAK AND SUIT DEPT.—Jackets, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Mackintoshes, Furs, Fur Sets Boas, Scarfs, Storm Collars, Muff, etc. We've no need to tell you or remind you of our line of Ladies' Petticoats in black and colors, in mercerized, satine and silk, as we have the enviable reputation of having the best line of Underskirts in Lowell.

Cook Taylor & Co.

Cure That Cold!

Or it May End in the "CRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or preventative. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable,

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT

That a neglected cold often leads to fatal and troublesome diseases is well known. With children it means croup; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, perhaps pneumonia. Nothing is more annoying than the sneezing, red nose, and woe begone look of a person with a cold.

Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without matches in the house, as without that old fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment near at hand for croup or colds.

Every Mother should have Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in the house for croup, colds, sore throat, tonsilitis, colic, cuts, bruises, cramps and pains liable to occur in any family as long as life has woes.

Treatment for colds. For an adult, saturate a dessert spoonful of sugar with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, and eat it slowly, repeating the dose two or three times daily, and especially on retiring.

For children, use a teaspoonful of sugar and about ten to twenty drops of the Liniment, according to age.

PLEASANT TO TAKE DROPPED ON SUGAR

If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

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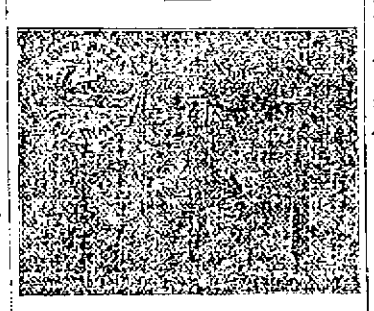

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NO CONVERTS LEFT

MISSIONARIES COULD MAKE NO HEADWAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—W. W. Simpson and A. W. Lagerquist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York arrived on the Idzuni Maru from Thibet. Before leaving there in August last, Mr. Simpson says the mission at Paongan was completely demolished by armed natives headed by Buddhist priests. Rev. G. T. Shields and wife were in charge, barely escaped.

After three years work not a single convert to Christianity has been obtained. The Buddhist priests, owing to China's internal troubles, are in absolute control.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

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Possesses every quality that gelatine should have. Its perfect purity and cleanliness are apparent as soon as you open the package. Its convenience is evident the minute you dissolve it (dissolves readily and quickly in *hot water*—making a clear, firm jelly). The most prominent chefs praise and have written many recipes for Keystone Silver White Gelatine. Leading cooking authorities indorse its purity and convenience; experienced housewives appreciate its great economy—package makes one-third more jelly than the same quantity of any other gelatine.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Its Attic Is an Old Curiosity Shop

THE PRESIDENT'S UNACCEPTABLE GIFTS

Are All Stored in the Garret

The trash of one generation makes the treasure of another. Nothing could be stronger proof of this than a visit to the the great, dim garret of the White House the place to which are consigned discarded and useless articles, old-fashioned and broken-down pieces of furniture, as well as the trunks and other private property of the president and his family. The presence of the latter articles makes it almost impossible for anyone, save the president's family, to gain admission, as it is considered one of the most private sections of the executive mansion. Unlike the proverbial garret, it has no winding, rickety staircase. The only means of access to this interesting and rarely frequented part of the White House is a modern elevator running from the domestic quarters of the mansion. This elevator was put in solely for the purpose of economizing space.

During Cleveland's administration the old staircase was knocked out and several rooms were built for the use of the president's household. This proved a convenient addition to the rather restricted quarters. The garret covers the entire floor plan of the building. The entrance, in the west wing, is above the president's ante-room. The first view to greet the eye upon entering the long, dark room, is the white rafters, massive supporters, erected after the White House was burned by the English in 1812. To the north of the entrance is a great stack of trunks. There are big trunks, and little trunks, some cloth covered, others of leather, Saratoga and steamer trunks. There are bandboxes, valises, and satchels—all the receptacles of wearing apparel and treasures of President McKinley and his family.

One fact attracts attention. Every trunk and satchel that was marked at all, bore simply the lettering:

W. McK.
CANTON, OHIO.

or

McK.,
CANTON, O.

East of this stack of trunks is a room partitioned off and under lock and key. In it are found many valuable gifts, sent to the president, which he feels he cannot accept in his personal capacity. At present there are gifts of almost every description which have been sent to the president and Mrs. McKinley during the three years past.

The first article to be seen is a large, white satin, hand-painted banner, presented to the president last year by the citizens of Havana, Cuba. In the centre is painted a splendid likeness of Mr. McKinley, and to his right the stars and stripes are gracefully draped, while to his left is unfurled the flag of Cuba. Beneath this an inscription is made of pure gold bullion letters, and around the banner is a fringe of the same costly material. Beneath the banner stands a peculiar inlaid wooden table, on which is placed a miniature representation of the Washington monument, exquisitely wrought in mosaic. At the base, as if for a corner stone, are these words: "Christmas, 1897."

On a stand of gilt is an expensive toilet later set. It is of gold, with artistic little wreaths of roses holding in place four cut glass toilet bottles. An effective handle is formed by natural twisted vines with little buds and tendrils peeping here and there. This elegant present was sent to Mrs. McKinley last Christmas.

Resting on a pile of boxes back of the gilt stand is a life-size portrait of the president. It is a splendid piece of work. The background is of dark, uncertain greenish shade. The head is turned slightly to one side, and seems to be gazing straight into the eye of the looker-on.

A morocco case holds a set of gold and silver toilet articles, consisting of comb, brush, mirror, hat brush, clothes brush and manicure set. There are other gifts of like character and of more or less value. There is a bronze lamp on a base of onyx with an old rose crystal shade, also an inlaid music stand. There can be seen pieces of fancy work, carved wood, tapestries, paintings and embroidery. Mysterious-looking packages and boxes are scattered around. These are not allowed to be opened. Among them is a box about three feet long, resembling in shape and build a miniature coffin. It is made of beautifully grained and highly polished dark wood. On top in heavy relief is a representation wrought in solid silver, the shield of the United States. On the side of this mysterious box is a plate bearing the inscription: "Presented to President McKinley, Christmas, 1897."

It is an odd-looking piece, and there is no telling what is inside of it, but it has been said that it holds a political effigy.

Outside this curiosity shop are several other rooms. One contains all kinds of musty old documents sent up from the different offices of the executive mansion, when there is no longer room or use for them. A cedar room holds during the summer the winter clothing, and in winter the summer apparel of the president and his family. In the east wing of the garret is stored a miscellaneous lot of furniture of styles ranging from the times of '61. There are two antique walnut bedsteads in the light and dark grains of the wood. These two pieces of furniture were in the White House during Lincoln's administration, and since that period, as the fashions have changed have gradually worked themselves from the guests' chambers to the servants' room, and from servants' room to the garret.

There are also several delicately built mahogany chairs. Years ago these were used in the east room. The upholstering is badly worn, and the coloring faded until it is almost impossible to discern the original pattern and shading. It may have been old rose, or, as the pattern indicates its birth in the days of lavender, it is more likely that the colors were in that dainty court shade. The handsomest piece of furniture in the attic is a large inlaid cabinet. The groundwork is of rosewood, with roses, lilies and forget-me-nots, all sprouting from the same root and inlaid in mother-of-pearl and silver. This piece is very much out of repair, and, as it was not needed in any of the drawing rooms, it was consigned to the old attic.

During the summer, when a great many improvements were made in and about the White House, a lot of stuff was sent up to the attic—rolls of half-used carpet, useless chairs, boxes of curtains and some mirrors and pictures. Some of the last were views of Washington, several photographs an a few engravings.

An antique bookcase and writing desk formerly used in the president's office, but since replaced by more modern fixtures, has been stored here. Battered file cases and cumbersome newspaper files, with some winding desk chairs of the style of about 20 years ago.

All sorts of banged up odds and ends of furniture are piled in order. Everything is as clean as it is possible for things to be in a garret. There is a room full of old newspapers. Once a year this room is cleaned out and its contents sold by the wagon load as old newspapers. At the south side of the garret is a little barred door. By its side is a large pine box with an American flag spread over it. The box contains about two dozen such flags, which are used for decorating on holidays. The last time these flags were unfurled was to honor Admiral Dewey. The little barred door, leads to the roof of the south portico, and from there by steps to the top of the house, where standing beneath the flagpole, one gets a magnificent view of the nation's capital.

The custom of storing away presents sent to presidents found its origin during the infant days of our government, and each successive president has consigned some treasures to the locker in the attic. Toward the close of each administration the contents of this locker are sold, and thus this old storehouse is emptied and replenished.

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A WRITER

REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, TAKES ISSUE WITH THE CITIZEN.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly allow me space to say a few words in reply to "Man About Town" of the Citizen, who so kindly explained the license question in relation to the common people. How about the people who are not common, have they ever been educated up so as they do not care for a glass of beer? We read of how a barrel of beer was found in Pat Murphy's barn, but never of how many barrels of wine Mr. Vere de Vere has in his cellar, and if he indulges quite freely that is perfectly right and proper. How many of the higher class vote no license? Few, I think; but then, they have all they want no matter which way the question goes. I consider it a disgrace to let our city go for license this year. Even if we did have higher taxes why people should be willing to put out more money if we can rid ourselves of such a nuisance!

It seems to me if what we lack is education some of our cultured people should give a series of receptions to the common people and teach us how to appear well, they could lock up the wine cellar and entertain us at their homes, and the Women's Middlesex club could follow it up with a course of lectures on music and art, we do not expect all would attend but those who did would exert a refining influence over those with whom they work and associate, and in time we should see Browning take the place of beer and the people would reach a state of culture only equalled by Boston. Here are the common people, and now is the accepted time.

COMMON PEOPLE.

ONE SIDED MAN

ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH BUT IN ONE SIDE OF HIS BODY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Attached to the orderlies of the Pennsylvania hospital is a man who has lost a large part of the framework of one side of his body under the surgeon's knife, and yet who feels well and claims to feel in good health.

The man is Alfred Taylor, 50 years old, an English sailor. He is minus his left arm, his left shoulder blade, his collar bone and part of four ribs. Taylor arrived in Philadelphia aboard a tramp steamer in April last, suffering from what was diagnosed by Dr. Robert Lecomte, the chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania hospital as a case of ostea sarcoma. A careful examination showed the man's arm, shoulder blade and collar bone to be affected.

Taylor consented to an operation in the face of almost certain death. For five and a half hours he was under anaesthetics. The doctors then regarded their work completed, but a discovery that the first four ribs on the left side were diseased at the ends called the knife again into play.

For nearly three months Taylor was carefully nursed and watched, mending gradually and always bright and cheerful, and a short while ago he was attached to the staff of orderlies at the hospital.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. TO PLAY CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

All arrangements are now completed for the big basket ball game Christmas night at Associate hall between the Burkes and the P. A. C. The game bids fair to be the best seen here this season. Both teams will undoubtedly play the game of their lives, as victory means everything to either. It is said that considerable money is being wagered on the result of the game. A second game between the same teams will be played New Year's night. The make-up of the two teams in Monday's night game will be: Burkes—Reagan and Tierney, forwards; Marley, centre; O'Neil and Kelleher, guards. P. A. C. —Allard and MacFarland, forwards; Cummings, centre; Mack and Halloran, guards.

MISSING CASHIER

RETURNED HOME AFTER A MONTH'S DISAPPEARANCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—Edward P. Deering, formerly cashier for Woodbury & Moulton, the banking concern in this city, which assigned November 1, and who disappeared the next day after the assignment, returned home last night. He refused to say where he has been or to discuss the affairs of the bank.

SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

An enjoyable supper and entertainment was held last evening in the vestry of the First Baptist church, North Tewksbury, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The former feature was made a distinct success under the guiding hands of Mrs. Chester Boutwell and Mrs. Van Dusen, whose capabilities in this department have been tried and found far from wanting. The entertainment was of a standard that is always kept up in Tewksbury. Principal among the participants was Miss Beleden of the Emerson School of Oratory of Boston, who gave several readings, all of which were well received. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Ella Flemings and a duet on the same instrument was given by the Misses Leahy. But among all the numbers none received or deserved more applause than the singing of Master Hubert Blackburn, a little fellow with a sweet voice and a pleasing expression. He had to respond to an encore.

After the entertainment a handsome quilt, the handiwork of the ladies, was placed on sale at auction. After much sharp but pleasant rivalry in bidding, the article was finally "knocked down" to Mrs. Dawson, who promptly paid $3.50 and appeared happy as well as triumphant to get it for that. The event was in charge of Mr. Frank Perkins, to whom acknowledgement of thanks should be given for its success socially and financially.

MONTHLY SUPPER.

The regular monthly supper under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle of the Paige street Free Baptist church, was held in the vestry of the church last evening and was largely attended. It lasted from 6 to 8. Mrs. W. O. Brown, president of the circle, had general charge and was ably assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. John Robert, Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Huber Hayes.

BAKERS WANT TO CLOSE.

Some Centralville bakers want to close on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock instead of at 9.30 o'clock and to remain open until 9.30 o'clock on Monday and Friday evenings and 10.30 o'clock on Saturday evenings. They wish all bakeries in the city to agree to the same hours of closing.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The parochial schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation and the public schools will close this afternoon. Exercises will be held at different public schools in the afternoon but they will not be public, as the teachers in the different rooms have special programs for their classes.

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New Cure, But Not a Patent Medicine

Dr. Redwell relates an interesting account of what he considers a remarkable case of acute stomach trouble and chronic dyspepsia by the use of the new discovery, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

He says: The patient was a man who had suffered, to my knowledge, for years with dyspepsia. Everything he ate seemed to sour and create gases in the stomach. He had pains like rheumatism in the back, shoulder blades and limbs, fullness and distress after eating, poor appetite and loss of flesh; the heart became affected, causing palpitation and sleeplessness at night.

"I gave him powerful nerve tonics and blood remedies, but to no purpose. As an experiment I finally bought a 50 cent package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at a drug store and gave them to him. Almost immediate relief was given and after he had used four boxes he was to all appearances fully cured.

"There was no more acidity or sour, watery risings, no bloating after meals the appetite was vigorous and he has gained between 10 and 12 pounds in weight of solid, healthy flesh.

Although Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are advertised and sold in drug stores, yet I consider them a most valuable addition to any physician's line of remedies, as they are perfectly harmless and can be given to children or invalids or in any condition of the stomach with perfect safety, being harmless and containing nothing but fruit and vegetable essences, pure pepsin and Golden Seal.

"Without any queston they are the safest, most effective cure for indigestion, billiousness, constipation and all derangements of the stomach, however slight or severe."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are made by the F. A. Stuart Co. of Marshall, Mich., and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package.

Little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

THE SEWER LOAN

Passed by the Common Council in Concurrence

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SEWERS

The Water Tower Loan Also Passed

The common council had a special meeting last night. It was held principally for the purpose of taking concurrent action on the $10,000 sewer loan. This was passed as was also the order for a loan of $14,000 for a down-town location for the water tower which was defeated at the last meeting. Twenty members were present, and after the reading of the warrant, the water tower order on which a motion to reconsider was made at the last meeting was taken up.

Councilman Mullaney spoke in favor of the motion to reconsider and hoped that the order would be adopted. He did not think it was right to have such a valuable piece of appartus standing idle and if it cannot be given a downtown location he thought the thing should be sold at once. He referred to the fire at the corner of Market and Shattuck streets at which the damage was greater than it would have been if the water tower had been near the center of the city. It took an hour to get the tower to the scene of the fire and the firemen started to drive it over the tracks. They found after much delay that they could not do that and had to go around. "There are a good many blocks in ward two, where I live" said Councilman Mullaney, "and I think the tower schould be brought down town."

Councilman Brown asked if $14,000 would be enough to pay all the penses for the housing of the water-tower down town. Two years ago when he was on the fire department committee he said it was figured out that the whole cost would be $30,000. He expressed his willingness to vote for the order if the amount named would be enough, but he did not want to see another request for more money later on.

Councilman Walker said he voted against the order before because the city's financial condition will not stand such an expenditure. Councilman Hean thought it would be a great benefit to the city to have the water tower down town. He said it is proposed to use the horses now used on the other apparatus at the Palmer street station and the expense of maintenance would not be increased.

Councilman Clark was in favor of the order and said that the damage at the time of the Huntington hall fire would have been less if the tower had arrived earlier. Councilman Flanders also spoke in favor of the order and then it passed with only Councilman Walker voting against it, the motion to reconsider having previously been passed.

The order for a $10,000 loan for sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The following order offered by Councilman Clark was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Ordered, that to our president, clerk and messenger, the common council of 1899 does with the utmost sincerity and good feeling tender its sincere thanks for the extreme courtesy, efficient and impartial manner in which they have performed their several duties and that we as individuals as well as a body politic most heartily wish for them the good things of this life in whatever station they may in the future find themselves."

There were several other matters of business but it was decided to let them go over to the next meeting, the call having specified that the meeting was for the purpose of taking action on the sewer loan.

CORPORATION RETURNS.

Lowell Co-operative Milk association Lowell, J. E. Gibson, treasurer. Annual meeting, Nov. 25, 1899; certificate filed Dec. 11, 1899.

Real estate and buildings, $11,592; machinery, $500; cash and debts received, $5391; miscellaneous, $2959; profit and loss, $11,911; total, $35,566.

Capital stock, $25,000; debts, $10,566; total, $35,566.

CREDIT TO ALL

DEAR SIR

Ladies' love (of course next best to you) articles that tend to make their appearance attractive and stolish. Our business proves it. A visit to our store would prove it to you. Still the stronger sex is not forgotten, plenty here to please the men and boys. May we suggest:

Ladies' Jackets $7.98 to $25
Ladies' Capes $5.98 to $18.75
Ladies' Skirts $2.98 to $16.75
Ladies' Waists $1.98 to $9.98
Trimmed Hats $2.98 to $6.98
Furs $3.98 to $16.75
Girls' Reefers $3.98 to $8.98

From 50c. down and 50c. week to $1.50 down and $1.50 a week will buy any article in the store.

Men's Overcoats $9.75 to $25
Men's Suits $10.75 to $22.50
Boys' Suits $3.00 to $6.50
Boys' Reefers $3.50 to $7.50
Mens' Hats $2, $2.50, $3

It is an easy and pleasant way to secure useful gifts, especially here, where credit buys as much and as cheap as ready cash.

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All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

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Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

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FOR SALE— One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 5x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mansur, Room 1, 8 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

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FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 4000 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $850. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 125 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $700. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"A CHRISTMAS present for Papa," Plush-Lined Buffalo Robe at Cluer's store, 8?0 Bridge street.

FREE—Send no money. We give watches, bracelets, rings, etc., for selling our jewelry novelties. Send your name and address and we will mail you eighteen scarfpins in enamel and different colred stones to sell at ten cents each. The best sellers ever offered. When sold, send us the money and we will give you a watch or your choice of our list of premiums which we send with the pins. Anawan Jewelry company, North Attleboro, Mass.

A TEN DOLLAR INVESTMENT RETURNS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PROFIT—This is better than a dozen Klondikes—at least this is the honest opinion of 67 investors who placed from $10 to $20 in Montana and Utah mining shares with the older reliable mining brokerage firm of W. H. Nickols, No. 1 West Broadway, Buttee, Mon. Average profit of the 67 investors in ten months was $187.50, and many of the lucky ones made $500 off $10. Mr. Nichols is now floating two more new mining companies; he is a very shrewd and careful mining operator—he is a good one to follow.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 58 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Heir, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 161 Merrimack street.

WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 458 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 10, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 462 Merrimack street. Tel. 668-4.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the life-study of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends, also advice on all business affairs. 251 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
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These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO., Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the "SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.

Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.

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Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

The Passing of the Old Year

has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

D. T. SULLIVAN,
Coal, Wood, Lime, Etc.
984 Gorham St.
Branch Office, 127 Central street.
Telephone 713-3

WANTED.

WANTED—A second-hand green bone cutter in good repair. Address Box 11, Tewksbury, Mass.

PRINTERS WANTED immediately. One first-class Job Pressman and one first-class Book Compositor. Give references and state wages desired. The Chase Press, 37, 39 and 41 Washington street, Haverhill, Mass.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required. New system, constant practice daily, wages Saturdays, steady position when through, tools donated. Illustrated catalogue mailed free. Moler's Barber School, 52 Bowery, New York city.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 281 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 1?3 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED— Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 281 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 1?4 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 131 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 123 East Merrimack street.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $8. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Reed, 223 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pocketbook between 158 Concord street and 22 Appleton street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 22 Appleton street.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St. Opposite American House. COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

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Diamonds, $12 to $300
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C. W. Durant,
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They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately. When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

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The Reliable Jeweller,
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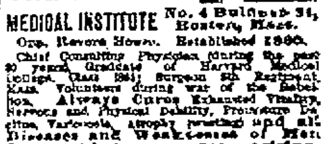

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Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices
Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and "Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.

They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 14, Hildreth building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.

Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 65 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 5 Merrimack square. Telephone 63-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Merr'k.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases, Devine's 88 Merrimack Street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 354-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 262 Mid'x St. Tel. 538-6.

Hear the Dartmouth combined Musical Clubs. Best college talent. Odd Fellows' Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

PRESENTED WITH WATCH.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the United States Indemnity Society was held last night at Old Odd Fellows' hall, over 200 members being present. Grand Supreme Secretary Albert C. Smith of Boston was present and addressed the assemblage. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Robert E. Magee of a valuable watch and chain. Grand Secretary Smith made the presentation in a most happy manner and Mr. Magee made fitting response. He was deeply moved at the beautiful testimonial of esteem of brother members. On the back of the case was inscribed, "Presented to Robert E. Magee, State Lecturer of U. S. I. S., by the members of the United States Indemnity Society, Dec. 21, '99." Among the other speakers who added their mite to the general enjoyment and good fellowship of the evening were W. H. I. Hayes, Past Counsellor W. L. Hardy, George Hartwell, Frank Merrill, Frank Doherty, Edward Beringer and Joseph H. Dextra. A general good time followed and refreshments were served. The annual meeting of the society will take place in Boston on Jan. 2, and Robert Magee and Joseph H. Dextra will represent the local society at the next meeting. The local society now numbers nearly 150 members.

MIDDLESEX CLUB.

The Middlesex Social club will hold its third annual social at Prescott hall Wednesday evening, January 3d.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 Merk St.

HEAD BEATEN IN

OLD MAN BRUTALLY MURDERED AT HUBBARDSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22—Asa Bennett of this place, eighty years old, was found murdered in the kitchen of his house shortly before 8.30 last night by Mrs. Bennett. She attended a prayer meeting in the Congregational church about 100 feet from the house and when she returned home, found her husband's body on the floor of the kitchen, the head badly beaten by an iron bolt which was found near the body. There is no clue to the murderer.

FOUNDERS' DAY OBSERVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 22—The New England society of Detroit celebrated Founders' Day with an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Cadillac last night. Hon. James H. Hoyt of Cleveland delivered the address of the evening on "From Plymouth Rock to Manila."

FUND FOR TROOPS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—British and Colonial born residents of Boston formed a fund in aid of the British troops in Africa last night and the first pledges made a total of $2,000.

BOXING IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 22—The Crescent Athletic club held its regular monthly meeting at the club rooms last night and after other matters were attended to, three bouts which had been arranged were pulled off. The first was that between Jim Marrow (colored) of this city and John Murphy of South Boston for four rounds. Murphy had the upper hand of it through the second round when Murphy landed a swift blow on his opponent's jaw, putting him to sleep, in which condition he remained for nearly five minutes. Murphy was given the decision.

"Spike" Hanley of South Boston had a little set-to with young Tierney of Holbrook. Tierney proved to have a little the better of it in that he outpointed his opponent.

Billy Berkley and Morris Rosenberg, the latter of Boston, were next to go. The bout was a good one and both men put up a clever, clean fight. Berkley, however, might have received the decision on points if one were to be given.

AT HARVARD'S CREW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Jas. Lawrence, president of the senior class and right tackle on the football team, has been elected captain of the junior crew.

LINCOLN CLUB.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the meeting of the Lincoln club last night in the club's headquarters in the Hildreth building, and nominations were made as follows for officers to be voted for at the next Thursday evening: President, William H. Hounsel; first vice president, George S. Holt; second vice president, Joseph E. Pattee; recording secretary, E. J. Wardell; financial secretary, Fred A. Tilton; treasurer, James Gammell; warden, Jas. Boyle.

Elgin lodge, N. E. O. P., held its regular meeting last night at Old Highland Hall and received one application. The election of officers followed and resulted as follows: Warden, Hattie A. Burrows; vice warden, Minnie H. Fogg; secretary, Christabel Burrows; financial secretary, M. A. Fogg; treasurer, James E. McIntosh; chaplain, E. T. Norris; guide, W. S. Holt; guardian, G. H. Harrington; sentinel, C. W. Parsons; trustee for three years, James F. McIntosh. The lodge will meet every first and third Thursday in the month.

TO FIX THE RATES

The Differential Squabble to be Settled

BY A MEETING ON JANUARY 4

Of the Trans Continental and Eastern Lines

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Hopes for an amicable settlement of the difficulties that have arisen from the old differential squabble down east are dimmer now than ever before. The situation has taken another turn for the worse and it is not improbable that the second class rate from this city to San Francisco soon will be shaved if not actually slashed. Local passenger men have discovered Boston-San Francisco tickets in the Chicago market which are being offered at rates lower than the regular Chicago-San Francisco rate.

From the first time since the trouble took on its present phase the Vanderbilts openly expressed their determination to secure the same rate from New England points to Pacific coast points as that offered by the differential lines. They have taken the stand that there is no justifiable reason why the differential lines should be permitted to undersell them on the second class tickets.

At a meeting held by the representatives of trans-continental lines here, a committee was appointed to meet with Representatives of the New England lines, Jan. 4, in Boston and to report the results of the meeting to the trans-continental men in this city five days later. The chief object of the Boston meeting is to determine the strength of those who want to settle the trouble amicably.

In today's meeting the Burlington, the Rock Island, the St. Paul and the Northwestern, the lines that are boycotted by the Boston and Maine and the Fitchburg roads, gave all other roads to understand that they would stand by the Boston and Albany if the Santa Fe, the Alton and the Missouri Pacific continue to give their support west of Chicago to the Boston and Maine.

AKIEN ST. EXTENSION

ONLY SMALL PORTION WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

The only portion of the Aiken street extension that will be completed this year will be that portion between Merrimack and Moody street. The brick building used as a stable has been demolished and workmen have been engaged in cutting down the grade at Moody street. Between Moody and Ford street people have failed to remove their buildings as rapidly as the city authorities desired.

Sam's GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

GIRL ASSAULTED

AND CHOKED BY A WOULD-BE ROBBER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

STOUGHTON, Dec. 22.—As Miss G. Jennie Carpenter, who is bookkeeper at Upham Bros.' shoe factory, was returning from work to her home last evening, at 6.15, near the corner of Chester and Walnut streets she heard a man's voice saying: "Is that you, Miss Carpenter?"

Upon her answering it was, the man hurriedly came toward her, grabbed her round the neck, choked her and tried to obtain possession of her pocket book, which was in her hand and which contained her week's wages. Miss Carpenter struggled and attempted to scream, but was choked and struck in the face several times, when her assailant, becoming frightened, ran away.

Miss Carpenter retained possession of her pocket book and reached her home in a frightened and exhausted condition. She was found to be badly scratched about the neck, her face was bruised, but she was otherwise uninjured. The neighbors searched for the assailant, but could find no trace of him.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

WITH A RAZOR OWING TO ILLNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—James Duane Taylor, one of the important officers in New York city of the Wagner Palace Car company and a son-in-law of the founder of the company, committed suicide yesterday at the Grafton hotel in this city by cutting his throat with a razor.

Mr. Taylor was suffering from some nervous affection, caused by illness, and the fatal act was committed apparently on the impulse of the moment.

The suicide was 63 years of age. Accompanied by his brother and son and Dr. Lee, he came to this city on Dec. 16 and registered at the Grafton. He was brought here under charge of a physician to see if a change of scene would not prove beneficial to his health. Some one was constantly with him, but today he was left alone in the room for a moment, and in that time he ended his life.

Mrs. Adelbert Ames will give a tea next Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lanier Dunn.

OVER A MILLION
10-cent packages of Johnson's Kidney Pills have been sold. It was the first Reliable Kidney Remedy offered the public at a popular price, and is the ONLY ONE that is GUARANTEED to cure all diseases of the KIDNEYS, BLADDER and URINARY ORGANS. What better testimonials could we give. 25 Pills 10 cents. By mail for five 2-cent stamps.
MADE AT The Johnson Laboratories, Inc., PHILADELPHIA
PEOPLE ARE USING JOHNSON'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR KIDNEY TROUBLES
For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

HOWELL'S ADDRESS

THE SUCCESSOR OF EDITOR GRADY AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Clark Howell of Atlanta, Ga., editor of the Atlanta Constitution was guest of honor at the monthly dinner of the Independent club last evening and delivered an address which was listened to attentively by the 500 members of the club and their guests. His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

He favored expansion in the interests of southern commerce.

REAR COMMODORE LIPTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton has been unanimously elected rear commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht club.

LOWELL ESTATES.

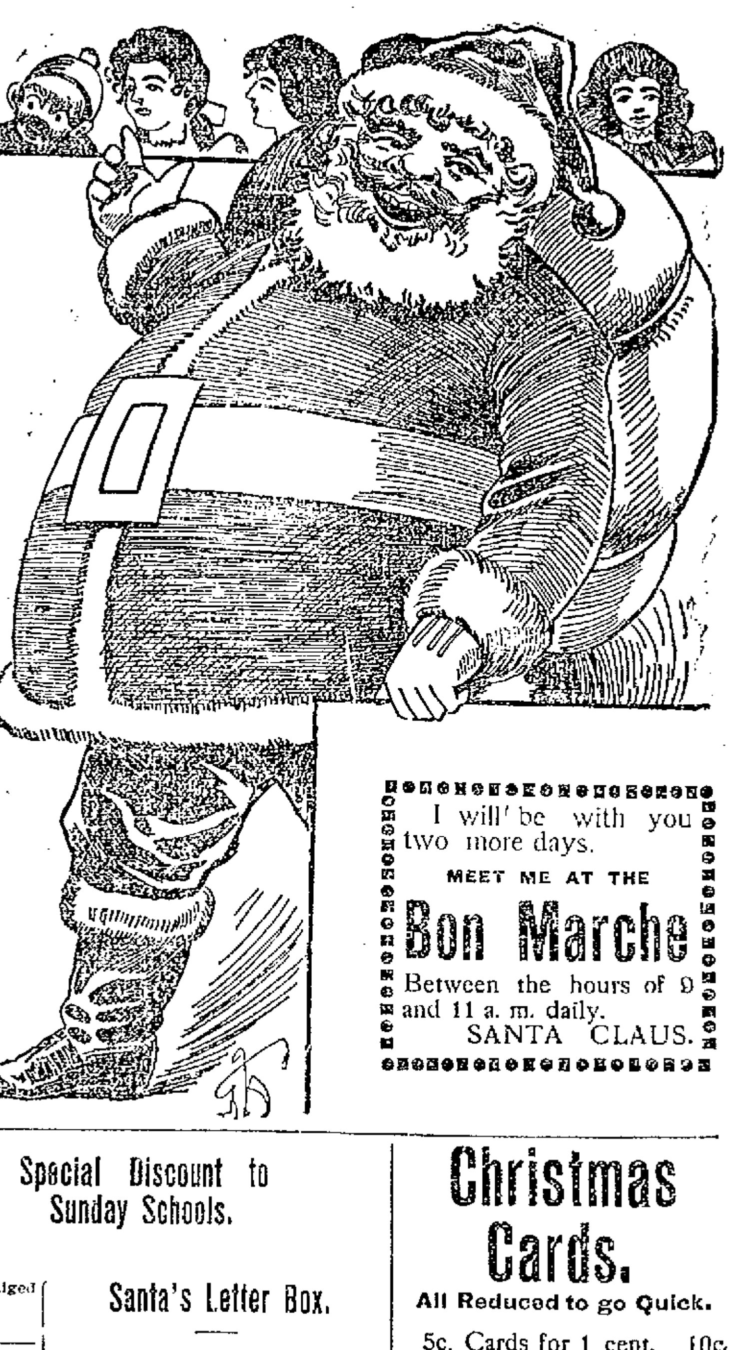
Following are the estates left by deceased residents of Lowell as recorded in Cambridge: Almeda Gage, $8,724.46; Nathaniel Davis, $56,832.72.

Mrs. Maude L. Clough of the Linden House, Manchester, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane, 4 Pine street.

A New Market
IN AN OLD STAND
New goods, new prices, new management, new ideas, new ways of doing business.
The old Public Market, corner of Howard and Middlesex streets has all been remodeled over and a new stock of goods has been put in. The place is decorated with evergreens and colored trimmings, with a large lot of choice poultry mixed in. Here are a few prices we are giving.
Young Turkeys 10 to 15c lb.
Young Chickens, 10 to 15c lb.
Ducks, Geese and Game at the same low figures.
PUBLIC MARKET,
Corner of Howard and Middlesex Streets.
Open Evenings.

PIANOS
For Christmas.
Largest and most complete line in Lowell, including the
Jacob Doll, Webber, Stodart, Bause and Shettinger.
Thirty instruments just received from factory, all bright and rich tone.
Price $175 to $500
If you intend purchasing a Piano for Christmas you'll save money by seeing what we offer.
Besides this splendid stock of new pianos we have a few second-hand uprights, which we will sell exceptionally low. If you are not prepared to buy just now and would like an instrument for Christmas, we will send one on trial and you may pay for it on our easy term plan.
Ring's Piano Store
216 Merrimack Street.
Open Every Evening This Week.

TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, ETC.
Only Two More Days, Friday and Saturday.
And we insist upon disposing of the bulk of our gigantic stock of Toys, Dolls, Games and Xmas Novelties in just that time (28 business hours) We must clean up—we will clean up. Come and see the special lots we are throwing out at 5c., 10c., 25c., 49c., and 69c., just about half what they are worth; but it's against our business principle to carry anything over. To make a long story short—"It's about giving you the goods at your own price." Come today if you can, and avoid the tremendous rush of tomorrow. We are having a tremendous trade, sales away ahead of a year ago—4 teams busy as can be delivering the goods whereas a year ago 2 sufficed. Special delivery to all parts of the city until midnight, Saturday and on Xmas morning.
For 5c. Each
A lot of Celluloid Novelties that were 10 to 25c. pin trays and cases, Handkerchief and Glove cases, etc., some—in fact most are a little scrached, but not very noticeable.
For 10c. Each
25c Novelties of all kinds. Celluloid in various colors, Handkerchief cases, Glove Cases, Suspender Cases, Necktie Cases, also some 49c goods thrown into this lot.
For 19c. Each
25c and 49c Celluloid and other Novelty Cases for Gloves, Hdkfs., Fans, Neckties, Suspenders, Jewelry, etc., etc., These are bargains indeed.
For 25c. Each
50c Celluloid Novelties in every shape almost in sets and separate pieces, Glove and Hdkfs. Sets, Fan Cases, Jewel Cases, Work Boxes and a lot of other novelties.
For 49c. Each
75c and $1.00 Novelties in Celluloid and Leatherette in all manner of shapes, Toilet Sets, Shave and Smoke Sets, Photo Cases, Glove, Hdkf., Collar and Cuff, Fan, Neckties and Suspender cases.
For 69c. Each.
An aggregation of high grade Celluloid cases which have been sold as high as $1.25 each, and perhaps some were more money, Toilet Cases complete, Brush, Comb, Mirror, Toilet and Manicures combined, Manicure complete, etc., etc.
For Any Price.
All our most expensive Celluloid and Plush combination Novelty Boxes, also the new Portrait Cases, Full Toilet and Manicure combination cases, Smoking and Shaving Sets, Work and Jewel Boxes. No reasonable offer refused, in order to close out clean.
BOOT & SHOE DEPT.
We are still in the shoe business. Trade is booming and the slipper bargains are going quick. For special Xmas Slippers 49c, Xmas Slippers 73c.



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Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. daily.
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Toys, Dolls.
We are doing the same thing with Dolls and Toys—bunching them up into lots. Not only making special low prices, but making shopping easy by placing large price cards on each lot. Look for the large price tickets—although the price is large in print, it is small in volume.
Books. Books.
Several lots we are determined to close out. None more particularly than the Juvenile Books. See the lots at 3c, 5c, 9c and 12 1-2c.
Oak leaf edition of handy volume classics, poems, etc., etc., now 25c.
Remington Frontier Sketches, marked from $1.95 to 98c.
Poems of the Farmer, marked from $1.00 to 49c.
See the classics we are selling at 15c. 124 Subjects.
Shakespeare Works, the handy 13 volume set, only $1.93 set.
New Americanized Encyclopedia Dictionary, 13 volumes, 1-2 Morocco cover, only $9.95 set.
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The Original Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1278 pages, choice 79c.
We are still headquarters for latest copyright works. Our price 95c and $1.00, elsewhere $1.10 and $1.29.
Special Discount to Sunday Schools.
Santa's Letter Box.
Up to the present time Santa Claus has received about 2000 letters, specimens of the cute notes can be seen in our show window.
Christmas Cards.
All Reduced to go Quick.
5c. Cards for 1 cent. 10c. Cards for 5c. 25c. Cards for 10c., and so on. They were reasonable in the first place—they're cheap now.
The Bon Marche Dry Goods Co.